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U.S. NEWS

## Massive windstorm howls across U.S. midsection

TAMMY WEBBER

Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — A massive storm with wind gusts up to 81 mph howled across America's midsection Tuesday, snapping trees and power lines, ripping off roofs, delaying flights and soaking commuters hunched under crumpled umbrellas.

Spanning from the Dakotas to the eastern Great Lakes, the unusual system mesmerized meteorologists because of its size and because it had barometric pressure similar to a Category 3 hurricane, but with much less destructive power.

Scientists said the storm had the force of a blizzard minus the snow.

"If it were colder, we'd have a blizzard with this system," said David Imy, operations chief at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Storm Prediction Center in Oklahoma. But temperatures were far from freezing.

The agency said the system's pressure reading Tuesday was among the lowest ever in a non-tropical storm in the mainland U.S. Spokeswoman Susan Buchanan said the storm was within the top five strongest storms in terms of low pressure, but may not have been the strongest on record.

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## Saddam Hussein aide Tariq Aziz sentenced to hang

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — The international face of Saddam Hussein's regime, Tariq Aziz, was sentenced to death by hanging Tuesday for persecuting Shiites just over three months after the Americans transferred him to Iraqi government custody.

Iraqi High Tribunal spokesman Mohammed Abdul-Sahib did not say when the 74-year-old former foreign minister would go to the gallows. Aziz has 30 days to launch an appeal. Aziz, the only Christian in Saddam's mainly Sunni inner circle, was wearing a blue suit and sat alone in the court. He bowed his head and frequently grasped the handrail in front of him, as the judge read out the verdict.

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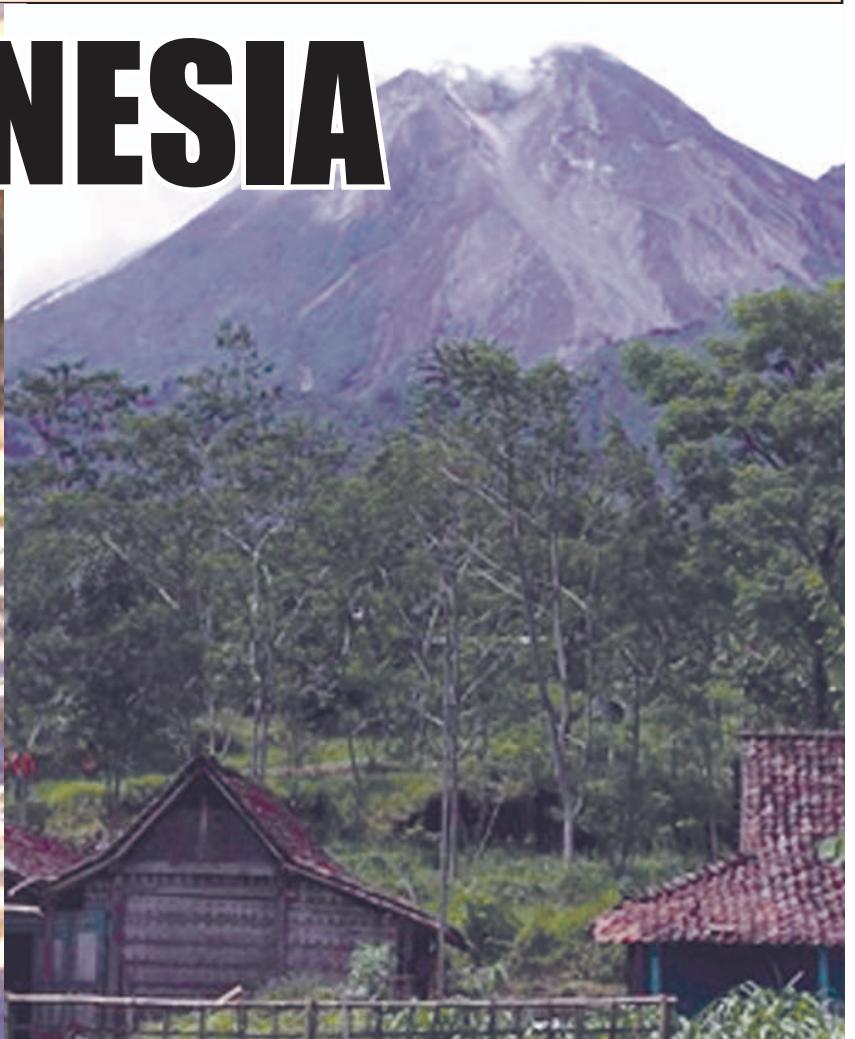


In this Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010 file photo, Tariq Aziz, former Iraqi foreign minister and deputy prime minister speaks to the Associated Press in Baghdad, Iraq. Iraqi state TV says former Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz has been sentenced to death for persecuting Shiite political parties during Saddam Hussein's regime.

Associated Press



Left: Indonesians wade through a flooded street at the main business district in Jakarta, Indonesia, Monday, Oct. 25, 2010. About an hour of torrential rain triggered knee-high floods on the main streets of the capital and caused heavy traffic jams. Right: Mount Merapi spews volcanic smoke as seen from Balerante, Central Java,



Indonesia, Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010. Pressure building beneath a lava dome in the mouth of Indonesia's most volatile volcano could trigger one of its deadliest blasts in years, scientists warned Tuesday, as residents living along the slopes were moved to temporary camps.

Associated Press

# Michael Jackson top-earning dead celebrity?

NEW YORK — Michael Jackson's sudden death sparked an outpouring of grief around the world, but fans also opened their wallets to make him this year's top-earning dead celebrity with \$275 million, Forbes said on Monday.

Jackson raked in more than the combined total of the other 12 celebrities on the list, Forbes magazine said. He was ranked third on last year's list with \$90 million.

Elvis Presley came in second, earning \$60 million from admissions to his former home, Graceland, which is now a museum and tourist attraction in Memphis, Tennessee, a Cirque de Soleil show and more than 200 licensing and merchandise deals.

"Jackson's spot atop our top earning dead celebrities list should come as no surprise

given the renewed fan interest in music, videos and all things Michael Jackson," said Forbes writer Lacey Rose.

Jackson was 50 when he died in his Los Angeles home on June 25 last year, shortly before a planned series of comeback concerts in London. The singer left behind three children and a debt of \$500 million.

But his estate has generated millions since his death, mostly through record sales, the "This Is It" concert movie, licensing rights, deals to release new albums and a Cirque du Soleil stage show in Las Vegas.

"Thanks to a lucrative catalog, hit film and album sales, the late king of pop earned more in the last year than Lady Gaga, Madonna and Jay-Z, combined," said Rose.

Jackson's physician, Dr.

Conrad Murray, is awaiting trial on a charge that he is responsible for the singer's death by administering a powerful anesthetic to help him sleep.

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"The Lord of the Rings" author J.R.R. Tolkien, whose trilogy of novels was made into films by director Peter Jackson, came in at No. 3 on the Forbes list with earnings of \$50 million, while Charles Schulz, the creator of Charlie Brown and Snoopy, came in fourth with \$33 million.

Former Beatle John Lennon, who would have turned 70 this year, was ranked No. 5 with an income of \$17 million.

"Many of the deceased icons on our list offer the marketing community name recognition, broad cultural appeal and, unlike their living



counterparts, an indelible image that can't be damaged by a rehab stint or tabloid story," Rose said.

Presley, Tolkien, Schulz and Lennon all appeared on last year's list, which was topped by fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent with \$350 million after the sale of much of his estate. But Saint Laurent dropped off the list this year along with author Michael Crichton and artist Andy Warhol.

Along with Jackson, newcomers to this year's list included Yankees

baseball team owner George Steinbrenner at No. 9 with \$8 million, and Swedish author Stieg Larsson, who wrote the popular mystery Millennium Trilogy novels that began with "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo," at No. 6 with \$18 million.

A deceased celebrity needed to earn at least \$5 million between October 1, 2009 and October 1, 2010 to make this year's list, Forbes said. The magazine spoke to agents, lawyers and other sources to estimate annual gross earnings.

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# 'Chicclone' snaps trees, power lines across Midwest



CHICAGO – A storm drawing comparisons to a hurricane muscled across the Midwest on Tuesday, snapping trees and power lines, delaying flights at one of nation's busiest airports and soaking commuters who slogged to work under crumpled umbrellas.

The storm quickly nicknamed a "chicclone" and "windpocalypse" swept an area that stretched from the Dakotas to the eastern Great Lakes. Severe thunderstorm warnings blanketed much of the Midwest and tornado watches were issued from Arkansas to Ohio. Flights were delayed at O'Hare International Airport, a major

hub for American and United airlines.

Sustained winds of 35 to 40 mph and gusts up to 60 mph were expected throughout the afternoon, the National Weather Service said.

Meteorologist Amy Seeley described the storm as one of the worst in decades based on a reading of the pressure level at its center, which was similar to a Category 3 hurricane although the effects of the storm were not. The wind gusts were only as strong as a tropical storm; Category 3 hurricanes have winds from 111 to 130 mph.

"This is a very different type of event," said Edward

Fenelon, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Romeoville, Ill. "But that does give an indication of the magnitude of the winds. This isn't something you see even every year."

The winds blew off roofs at a tractor plant in Mount Pleasant, Wis., and a home in Peotone, Ill.

Sheryl Uthemann, 49, of South Milwaukee, was working first shift at the Case New Holland plant in Mount Pleasant when the storm blew through about 8 a.m. and started to lift up the roof. "It was just a regular work day and all of a sudden that noise just came and (co-workers) said 'Run! Run! Run!' You didn't have time to think," she said. "I looked up where the noise was coming from and saw pieces of the roof sucked up. I've never been more scared, ever."

Commuters in the Chicago area faced blustery, wind-driven rain as they waited for trains to take them downtown before dawn. Some huddled beneath train overpasses to stay out of the gusts, dashing to the platform at the last minute. In the city's downtown Loop, construction

workers wore heavy rain coats and held onto their hard-hats, heavy metal street signs rattled against their posts and umbrellas provided relief only for as long as they could last. "The wind was almost blowing horizontally. The rain was slapping me in the face," said Anthony Kwit, a 24-year-old jewelry store worker in Chicago. "My umbrella shot off ... It was pretty dangerous." He said the wind was so strong that his car "was starting to veer off the road."

Another commuter described a frightening pre-dawn drive to the train station.

"It was raining really, really hard. Coming down the street I was kind of getting really nervous; even with the bright lights you couldn't see in

front of you," said Delphine Thompson, 53, a telecom manager in Chicago.

The weather service said gusts that topped 50 miles per hour slammed into the Chicago suburb of Lombard early Tuesday. Some tenants in downtown Chicago high-rise offices received e-mails informing them that the strongest winds were expected later in the afternoon. Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Tony Molinaro said that flights were delayed early Tuesday morning at O'Hare International Airport because the airport was able to use only two runways for arrivals and one for departures. By mid-morning, the delays were down to 15 to 30 minutes, he said.

## State goes overseas for lethal injection drug

FLORENCE, Ariz. – Facing a nationwide shortage of a lethal injection drug, Arizona has taken an unusual step that other death penalty states may soon follow: get their supplies from another country.

Such a move, experts say, raises questions about the effectiveness of the drug. But it also may further complicate executions in the 35 states that allow them, as inmates challenge the use of drugs not approved by federal inspectors for use in the U.S.

Arizona said Tuesday that it got its sodium thiopental from Great Britain, the first time a state has acknowledged obtaining the drug from outside the United States since the shortage began slowing executions in the spring.

"This drug came from a reputable place," Chief Deputy Attorney General Tim Nelson said. "There's all sorts of wild speculation that it came from a third-world country, and that's not accurate."

Nelson said the state revealed the drug's origins to let the public know that its supply is trustworthy and to dispel rumors. However, he did not name the company that manufactured it.

Without assurances of the drug's quality, many questions will be raised, including its effectiveness and how it should be handled, and would serve as a basis for lawsuits, said Deborah Denno, a law professor at Fordham University.

"The impact could be huge," Denno said. "The source of the thiopental is critical."

A federal judge in Arizona blocked the Tuesday execution of convicted killer Jeffrey Landrigan because the state obtained the drug from a previously unidentified overseas source. The judge questioned whether it might be unsafe. Landrigan's lawyers contend he could be suffocated painfully if the sodium thiopental doesn't render him unconscious. In lethal injections, sodium thiopental makes an inmate unconscious before a second drug paralyzes him and a third drug stops his heart.

Hospira Inc. of Lake Forest, Ill., the sole U.S. manufacturer of the drug, has blamed the shortage on unspecified problems with its raw-material suppliers and said new batches will not be available until January at the earliest. There are no FDA-approved overseas manufacturers of the drug.

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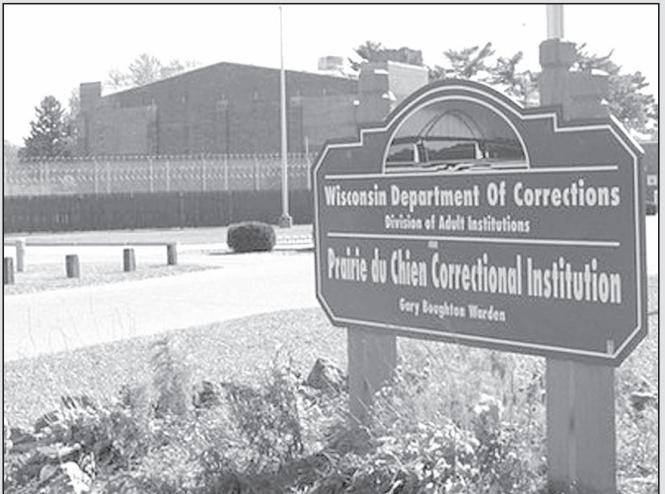
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## APNewsBreak: Wis. paid \$150K in prison sex case



PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, Wis. — A Wisconsin prison guard allegedly coerced male inmates into letting him give them oral sex in exchange for bringing them contraband, and his superiors initially failed to stop the assaults despite warning signs, according to previously confidential records obtained by The Associated Press.

Now the Wisconsin Department of Corrections' handling of the three-year-old case involving Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution guard James Trentin is costing taxpayers money.

The state this year paid \$150,000 to avoid a lawsuit by a former inmate who says Trentin gave him oral sex four times, according to documents obtained by the AP under Wisconsin's open records law. Four other inmates who told investigators they received oral sex or were inappropriately touched could seek payments.

Trentin maintains his innocence, but a department investigation found evidence of the assaults. A prosecutor also said he is convinced they occurred, though charges were dropped in a plea bargain the prosecutor says may have been a mistake in hindsight.

Two of the inmates at the southwest Wisconsin prison near the Iowa border said they were sexually abused as children. One feared gang retaliation for engaging in homosexual activity. Another said Trentin, a 61-year-old father of two, said the inmate "reminds him of his son." "I think this is a memory they are going to carry for the rest of their lives," said Chris Kuchinski, the prison supervisor who investigated the assaults. "That's very sad to me, especially with the callous way that DOC looked at this case."

Kuchinski said his career was derailed after he rejected pressure from union leaders to back off the case. He said a corrections administrator also subtly encouraged him to conclude the sex was consensual, and he was later unfairly disciplined and took a demotion and pay cut. The corrections department denied those claims Tuesday, but a state Equal Rights Division investigator this month found probable cause Kuchinski faced retaliation.

Kuchinski told AP several assaults could have been prevented if the prison had acted in 2007 after receiving evidence Trentin developed inappropriate relationships with inmates. Several inmates told officials Trentin brought them illegal contraband including tobacco, candy and a camera. Video footage showed him going into cells alone, another policy violation.

One inmate cried when asked about their relationship and told investigators he didn't want to get Trentin in trouble, documents show.

# 'Phantom of the Fox' fights to stay in apartment

ATLANTA — Behind the faux Moorish splendor of Atlanta's historic Fox Theatre lives the "Phantom of the Fox" a beloved local figure who twice helped save the landmark from destruction and now is battling to stay in the place where he has lived for more than 30 years.

Joe Patten, 83, occupies a spacious dwelling nestled beneath the theater's onion-shaped dome. His original lease, drawn up in the 1970s after he helped save the Fox from the wrecking ball, said he could live there for life.

Earlier this month his lawyer sued the nonprofit organization that runs the Fox, saying the trustees of Atlanta Landmarks are trying to unfairly evict Patten.

The conflict has struck a nerve in Atlanta, where Patten has long been treasured by supporters of the Fox.

"This is my home," Patten said in a recent interview with The Associated Press. "I would love to live here until my dying day and that's it."

There are websites devoted to his cause. His supporters can frequently be seen parading in front of the Fox, urging people to boycott the venue until the trustees agree to reinstate Patten's original lease.

"He just evokes the spirit of the past that you can't find," said Gordon Dyker, who waved a sign and urged passers-by to support Patten before a recent show. "He's priceless and there's so many people that love what he's done for the city, and he's actually become our friend, and we want to take care of him as best we can."

The board of trustees voted to end Patten's lease Aug. 30, just over two weeks after he returned home from a short stint in the hospital and a rehabilitation facility following a stroke in mid-July. The lawsuit claims that before the vote, while Patten was still recuperating, members of the board repeatedly visited and told him he couldn't return.

The Fox said in a statement that the board has tried for nearly two months "to engage Mr. Patten and his attorney in an effort to negotiate a new agreement which would permit him to continue to live at the Fox Theatre. Unfortunately neither Mr. Patten nor his attorney has accepted any of our efforts in this regard."

Patten has declined to sign the new agreement which can be terminated at any time without cause on 60 days notice saying he wants to be allowed to stay in his apartment under the original conditions.

Built in the late 1920s as a Shriners mosque, the Fox is lavishly decorated with minarets,



arched doorways and terrazzo flooring. The auditorium, which has hosted countless movies, concerts and plays over the years, evokes the feel of an ancient Arabian courtyard, the ceiling painted a deep blue with small twinkling lights that mimic stars.

When the Fox was threatened with demolition in the 1970s, Patten sprang to its defense. He is a founding trustee of Atlanta Landmarks, created to raise money to save the Fox.

Patten and his fellow activists succeeded and, in 1979, the board of trustees asked Patten to convert some unused office space into an apartment and live there as a caretaker, the lawsuit says. Under the terms of the 1979 lease, Patten agreed to spend at least \$50,000 to renovate and convert a rundown office space in the theater into an apartment where he would live. The renovation costs would be considered his rent for the term of the lease, which was set to expire after his death.

Shortly after he moved in, Patten became the theater's technical director, a position he held until he retired in 2001.

Patten became interested in theaters and pipe organs as a child in Lakeland, Fla., and a pipe organ turned out to be his entry into the Fox. Enchanted by the theater when he first visited in 1946, he was disappointed its great pipe organ, known as "Mighty Mo," wasn't working. In 1963, after Patten had moved to Atlanta, he and a small group of friends persuaded the theater's general manager to let them restore it.

"From that point on, I've had a very, very close relationship to the Fox Theatre here in Atlanta," Patten said. "It was my intent to get everything in this theater working as it was originally designed to."

He came to know the place so well that it sometimes seemed to people he would exit one door only to reappear right away in an entirely different location earning him the affectionate nickname "Phantom of the Fox."

From a door in his bedroom, Patten can enter a passageway and go up some stairs to a former spotlight platform that has served as his own personal box to see shows over the years. He couldn't name a particular show that stood out as his favorite, but has many fond memories.

# RI to vote on dropping 'Plantations' from its name

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — This state's official name The State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations — is more than just a mouthful. To many, it evokes stinging reminders of Rhode Island's prime role in the trans-Atlantic slave trade.

Voters next Tuesday will decide whether to change the name by dropping the words "and Providence Plantations." The issue has been debated for years, but lawmakers last year authorized a ballot question for the first time following an impassioned debate over race relations, ancestry and history.

"You go anywhere and you mention plantations and what automatically comes to a person's mind is slavery," said Nick Figueroa, 41, a member of a legislative minority advisory coalition that backs changing the name.

Supporters of the referendum see the ballot question as a chance to erase the state's links to slavery and remove a word they associate with human bondage and suffering. But opponents, including Gov. Don Carcieri, note that the state name actually has nothing to do with slavery and that, in any case, changing it will do nothing to alter history. Michael Vorenberg, a Brown University history professor, said he understands the contemporary connotation of the word "plantations" but favors keeping the name because it provokes questions.

"People might naturally say, 'What does that word mean and why is it in the state name?' And that may lead to a discussion of the role of slavery in the history of Rhode Island, in the history of New England," Vorenberg said. The referendum's prospects are unclear. The issue has been overshadowed by a competitive gubernatorial race and congressional elections, and advocates of the name change haven't run advertisements. The four leading gubernatorial candidates all oppose it.

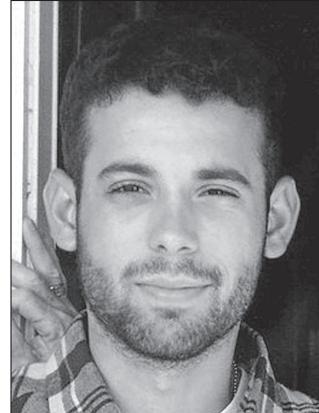
"The overall concerns right now are jobs and the economy, and I think that's foremost in people's minds, as opposed to altering the name," Figueroa said.

Many Rhode Islanders might not even know its formal name. It isn't listed on modern-day maps, though it is on the state seal, is found in many official state documents and can be heard in the courtroom when the judge is announced.

The phrase "Providence Plantations" appeared in the royal charter granted in 1663 by King Charles II to the colony of Rhode Island. At the time, "Plantation" was a general term for settlement or colony. In this case, it referred to the merger of the Providence settlement, which was founded by minister Roger Williams following his banishment from the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and nearby towns into a single colony.

## Soldier charged in Afghan killing kept in solitary

SEATTLE — The soldier who tried to blow the whistle on an alleged plot to kill Afghan civilians for sport has been put in solitary confinement in a windowless cell for 23 hours a day, his family said. The father of Spc. Adam Winfield is objecting to the conditions at Joint Base



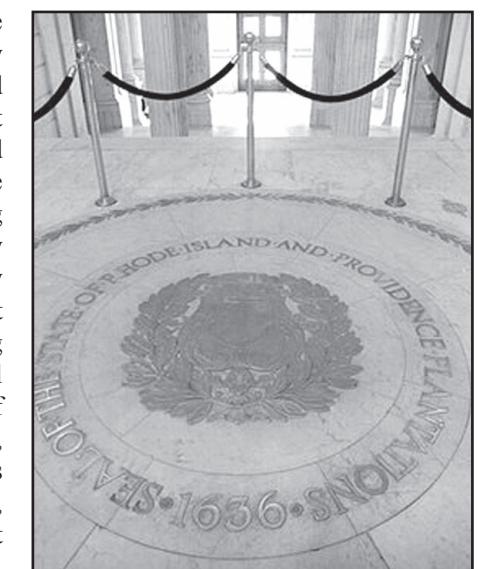
Lewis-McChord south of Seattle, and wants the soldier moved to a different facility. Christopher Winfield said his son was separated from other defendants in the case about a month ago after he reported being threatened by one of them. He's been in protective solitary custody since then, but conditions grew markedly worse last week when he was moved from a cell with access to a common area and television to one he's locked in nearly all the time, his father said.

Keith Stokes, who is multiracial and can trace his family's arrival to Newport back centuries, said the debate over the state name ignores Rhode Island's legacy as a colony founded on religious tolerance, where Jews, Quakers and other minorities settled in large numbers after being rejected elsewhere. The principle of separation of church and state is laid out in the colony's charter long before being formalized in the Bill of Rights.

"It has all these people who have been cast out because they worship differently and they all land in Rhode Island," said Stokes, who is also executive director of the state's economic development corporation. "We have so many stories to share, we have such rich histories."

Proponents of the name change say they recognize the word "plantations" was not initially associated with slavery, but argue the original meaning is irrelevant especially because 18th century Rhode Island emerged at the forefront of a thriving industry in which local merchants got rich off the exchange of slaves, rum, sugar and molasses among New England, the Caribbean and West Africa.

They say "plantations" is inextricably linked to slavery, just as the swastika traditionally a harmonious symbol in Hinduism and Buddhism has since been adopted as an emblem of Nazi Germany and is today associated with ethnic hatred.



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The Vatican urged Iraq to not carry out the death sentence and said it may intervene to try to halt it.

A spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said the Vatican hoped that the sentence wouldn't be carried out and added that Vatican usually would pursue any possible humanitarian intervention to halt an execution via diplomatic channels.

His Jordan-based lawyer, Badee Izzat Aref, accused the government of orchestrating the verdict to divert attention from recent revelations about prisoner abuse by Iraqi security forces contained in U.S. military documents released last week by the whistleblower site WikiLeaks. "We are discussing this issue and what next step we should take," Aref told The

Associated Press in Amman, the Jordanian capital. "This sentence is not fair and it is politically motivated."

Aziz became internationally known as the dictator's defender and a fierce American critic first as foreign minister after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990 and later as a deputy prime minister. His meeting with Secretary of State James A. Baker in Geneva in January 1991 failed to prevent the 1991 Gulf War. Aziz also met with the late Pope John Paul II at the Vatican weeks before the March 2003 U.S.-led invasion in a bid to head off that conflict.

Iraq has executed a number of high-profile members of Saddam's regime, including "Chemical Ali" al-Majid, Saddam's cousin, who earned his nickname for atrocities such as the deaths of an estimated 5,000 Kurds in a poison gas attack in 1988.

Saddam was taunted by



*In this Dec. 2, 1998 file photo, former Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz stands to attention as the Iraqi national anthem is played at a conference in Baghdad, Iraq. Saddam Hussein's longtime foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, was sentenced to death by hanging Tuesday for persecuting members of Shiite religious parties under the former regime. Iraqi High Tribunal spokesman Mohammed Abdul-Sahib did not say when Aziz, 74, would be put to death.*

Associated Press

## Bosnia: bones of at least 97 people found in lake

AIDA CERKEZ

The Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Authorities in Bosnia and Serbia said Tuesday they had recovered the skeletal remains of at least 97 people from the banks of a border lake that was partially drained this summer for maintenance.

Officials from the Bosnian and Serbian Commissions for Missing Persons said 372 bone fragments were found on the Bosnian bank of Perucac lake and 79 on the Serbian side.

By counting the right femurs recovered, experts determined the bones belonged to at least 97 people — victims primarily of the wars that accompanied the breakup of Yugoslavia. But authorities said only DNA analysis will reveal the total number and identities of the dead.

Most were killed by Serbs in the nearby town of Visegrad at the start of the 1992-1995 Bosnian War. But on the Serbian side experts found the remains of what they presume to be 11 Albanians killed during the Kosovo war in 1998-1999. Some 1,000 people went missing in and around Visegrad — almost all of them Bosnian Muslims who were killed and thrown from a bridge over the Drina river.

onlookers as he went to the gallows in December 2006, at the height of the sectarian violence, shocking many observers in and outside the country and raising allegations the Shiite-led government was bent on revenge.

Aziz was on trial in a long-running case in which he is accused of being part of a campaign of persecuting, killing and torturing members of the Shiite opposition and the banned religious parties, like the Shiite Dawa Party, of which Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is a member.

He was sentenced to 15 years in prison for taking part in forced displacement and 10 years for committing torture. Judge Mahmoud Saleh al-Hassan declared the harshest punishment — death by hanging — for participating in deliberate killings but gave no

details.

Aziz was one of five members of the deposed regime who were convicted Tuesday of similar crimes. A sixth defendant, Saddam's half brother, Watban Ibrahim al-Hassan, was found innocent because of lack of evidence, the judge said. Al-Hassan served as interior minister.

Aziz has already been convicted and sentenced to 15 years in prison for his role in the 1992 execution of 42 merchants found guilty of profiteering. He also received a seven-year prison sentence for a case involving the forced displacement of Kurds in northern Iraq.

If the Appeals' Court upholds the death sentence, the law says Aziz should be hanged within 30 days of the final decision. The Iraqi president also needs to sign off on an

execution order.

Aziz predicted in a recent interview with the AP that he will die in prison, citing his old age and lengthy prison sentences.

Aziz's son, Ziad, told the AP that the death sentence was "unfair" and "illogical." He said his father was the victim, not the criminal, since Dawa Party members tried to assassinate him in 1980.

"This is an illogical and an unfair sentence that is serving political goals of the Iraqi government," Ziad said in an interview Tuesday. "Tariq Aziz himself was the victim of the religious parties that tried to kill him in 1980, but now he is turned into a criminal."

Aziz surrendered to U.S. forces about a month after the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in March 2003.

# Iran loads fuel rods into 1st nuclear power plant

ALI AKBAR DAREINI

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran began the process of loading 163 fuel rods into the reactor core of its first nuclear power plant on Tuesday, celebrating the achievement as proof that Tehran can outmaneuver international sanctions.

The plant, built with Russian help in the southern port city of Bushehr, is not among the aspects of Iran's nuclear program that are of top concern to the international community and is not directly subject to sanctions. It has international approval and is supervised by the U.N.'s nuclear monitoring agency.

Nevertheless, Iran has touted its startup as an act of defiance in the face of the penalties and has held up the plant as evidence that it only has peaceful nuclear intentions.

The United States and some of its allies believe Bushehr and Iran's other civil nuclear work is providing cover for a secret weapons program under development.

"The great Iranian nation can manage the sanctions with its resistance, efforts and endeavors and this is its proof," Vice President Ali Akbar Salehi told a news conference broadcast on state TV.

The U.N. Security Council has slapped four rounds of sanctions against Iran over a separate track of its nuclear program — its enrichment of uranium, which can be a gateway to developing atomic weapons.

Iran denies such an intention and says it only seeks to master the technology to produce fuel for a planned network of nuclear power facilities, starting with Bushehr.

On Tuesday, Iran loaded the first three fuel assemblies into the plant's reactor core, beginning a process that will take two months, said Salehi, who is also head of the



The reactor building of the Bushehr nuclear power plant is seen, just outside the southern city of Bushehr, Iran, Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010. Iran began loading fuel into the core of its first atomic power plant on Tuesday, moving closer to the start up of a facility that leaders have touted as defying of international efforts to curtail the country's nuclear ambitions.

Associated Press

Atomic Energy Organization of Iran.

The facility is expected to begin supplying electricity to the grid by mid-February.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton made it clear Tuesday that Washington sees a distinction between Bushehr and other nuclear tracks it suspects are meant to give Tehran potential pathways to weapons.

"Iran is entitled to the peaceful use of nuclear power," she said after speaking at a U.N. Security Council meeting to promote women's participation in peacekeeping. "They are not entitled to a nuclear weapons program."

She said she was hopeful that Iran would agree to resume negotiations over the other aspects of its nuclear work.

The European Union has proposed a new round of talks with Iran in Vienna in mid-November with the participation of the United States, Britain, China, France, Russia and Germany. The negotiations foundered a year ago, leading to the fourth

round of U.N. sanctions.

The 1,000 megawatt Bushehr plant had been expected to start producing power by November, but a leak in a storage pool delayed the process.

Iranian officials denied the delay had any link to a complex and destructive computer worm, known as Stuxnet, that has swept through industrial sites in Iran and several other countries. The malicious computer code, designed to take control of power plants and other large facilities, infected several personal laptops belonging to employees at Bushehr, though officials said no plant systems were affected.

Iran said it believed the computer worm was part of a Western plot to sabotage its nuclear program. Who created the Stuxnet code and what its precise target is, if any, remains a mystery.

Around the same time, Iran acknowledged that some personnel at its nuclear facilities had been lured by promises of money to pass secrets to the West but

insisted increased security had put a stop to the spying.

At Bushehr, soldiers maintain a 24-hour watch on roads leading up to the plant, manning anti-aircraft guns and supported by numerous radar stations.

The Bushehr project was beset by numerous obstacles. It dates back to 1974, when Iran's U.S.-backed Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi contracted with the German company Siemens to build the reactor. The company withdrew from the project after the 1979 Islamic revolution toppled the shah and brought hard-line clerics to power.

In 1992, Iran signed a \$1 billion deal with Russia to complete the project and work began in 1995.

Under the contract, Bushehr was originally scheduled to come online in July 1999 but the startup has been delayed repeatedly by construction and supply glitches.

Moscow has cited technical reasons for the delays, but Iranian officials have sporadically criticized Russia, some calling Moscow

an "unreliable partner."

The U.S. recently withdrew its long-standing opposition to the plant after Russia satisfied concerns over how it would be fueled and the fate of the spent fuel rods.

Under a deal signed in 2005, Russia will provide nuclear fuel to Iran, then take back the spent fuel, a step meant as a safeguard to ensure it cannot be diverted into a weapons program. Iran has also agreed to allow the U.N.'s nuclear agency to monitor Bushehr and the fuel deliveries.

The United States says the fuel deal with Russia shows Tehran does not need to enrich its own uranium, but Iran maintains it will build other nuclear power plants and has to have its own fuel source.

Iran is already producing its own nuclear fuel — uranium enriched to about 3.5 percent. It also has started a pilot program of enriching uranium to 20 percent, which officials say is needed for a medical research reactor. Weapons grade material has to be enriched to 90 percent.

# Indonesia hit by deadly tsunami, volcanic eruption

SLAMET RIYADI

Associated Press

MOUNT MERAPI, Indonesia

(AP) — A volcanic eruption and a tsunami killed scores of people hundreds of miles apart in Indonesia — spasms from the Pacific “Ring of Fire,” which spawns disasters from deep within the Earth.

Tuesday’s eruption of Mount Merapi killed at least 18 people, forced thousands to flee down its slopes and spewed burning ash and smoke high into the air on the island of Java.

Meanwhile, off the coast of Sumatra, about 800 miles west of the volcano, rescuers battled rough seas to reach Indonesia’s Mentawai islands, where a 10-foot tsunami triggered by an earthquake Monday night swept away hundreds of homes, killing at least 113 villagers, said Mujiharto of the Health Ministry’s crisis center. Up to 500 others are missing.

The twin disasters happened hours apart in one of the most seismically active regions on the planet.

Scientists have warned that pressure building beneath Merapi’s lava dome could trigger its most powerful explosion in years.

But Gede Swantika, a government volcanologist, expressed hope the 9,737-foot mountain, which sent rocks and debris cascading down its southern slope, could be releasing steam slowly.

“It’s too early to know for sure,” he said, adding that a big blast

could still be coming. “But if it continues like this for a while, we are looking at a slow, long eruption.”

A 2006 eruption at Merapi killed two people, one in 1994 killed 60 people, and a 1930 blast killed 1,300.

After refusing to budge from the volcano’s fertile slopes, saying they wanted to tend to their crops and protect their homes, villagers started streaming by the thousands into makeshift emergency shelters late Tuesday. Many carried sleeping mats, bags of clothes and food as they settled in.

Officials said earlier that by closely monitoring the volcano 310 miles southeast of the capital of Jakarta, they thought they could avoid casualties. But the death toll rose quickly.

Police and volunteers were shown on Metro TV pulling at least 14 ash-covered bodies and carrying them to waiting vehicles.

Among the dead was a 2-month-old baby, said Mareta, a hospital worker who goes by only one name. The infant’s tiny body was draped in a sheet as his mother cried.

Three people at Panti Nugroho hospital died of burns after being hit by a searing cloud of ash, said Agustinus Parjo, a spokesman. Even as they contended with the volcano — one of 129 to watch in the world’s largest archipelago — officials were trying to assess the impact of Monday night’s



A rescuer wheels a man heavily burned in the eruption of Mount Merapi at a hospital in Pakem, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010. Indonesia’s most volatile volcano started erupting Tuesday, after scientists warned that pressure building beneath its dome could trigger the most powerful eruption in years.

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7.7-magnitude earthquake off Sumatra that triggered the killer tsunami.

The quake, just 13 miles beneath the ocean floor, was followed by at least 14 aftershocks, the largest measuring 6.2, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

The fault also caused the 2004 quake and monster Indian Ocean tsunami that killed 230,000 people in a dozen countries.

After Monday’s quake and tsunami, many panicked residents

fled to high ground and were too afraid to return home.

That could account in part for the more than 500 people still missing, said Hendri Dori, a local parliamentarian, adding: “We’re trying to stay hopeful.”

Hundreds of wooden and bamboo homes were washed away on the island of Pagai, with water flooding crops and roads up to 600 yards inland. In Muntei Baru, a village on Silabu island, 80 percent of the houses were

badly damaged.

With few relief workers able to get to the hardest-hit islands — reachable only by a 12-hour boat ride — fishermen searched for the living and dead. Corpses lay unburied because there was not enough outside help to dig graves, according to the Mentawai district chief, Edison Salelo Baja.



A Somali government soldier stands guard during a rally organized by the government in support of the newly nominated Prime Minister Mohamed Abdulahi Mohamed on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010. The protesters carried placards reading slogans like “We support the new Prime Minister”.

Associated Press

## Report: Afghanistan, Iraq among most corrupt nations

KIRSTEN GRIESHABER

BERLIN (AP) — Somalia is the most corrupt country in the world, followed by Afghanistan, Myanmar and Iraq, an international watchdog said Tuesday.

The annual report of Transparency International found that Denmark, New Zealand and Singapore tied for first place as the world’s least corrupt nations.

The watchdog group found that some countries that were especially hard hit by the fallout of the global financial crisis became more corrupt during the last year. Among those were Greece and Italy, but also the United States, which declined to 22nd place, compared with 19th place last year.

Of the 178 countries surveyed, nearly three

quarters fell below an index score of five on a scale where zero is the most corrupt and 10 is the least. Transparency International’s corruption index draws on 13 different surveys of businesspeople and governance experts conducted between January 2009 and September 2010.

The Berlin-based watchdog group said the overall results show that greater efforts must go into strengthening governance across the globe.

“Allowing corruption to continue is unacceptable — too many poor and vulnerable people continue to suffer its consequences around the world,” said Hugette Labelle, the director of Transparency International.

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## Cholera fears spark anti-clinic protest in Haiti

JONATHAN M. KATZ

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Protesters attacked a cholera treatment center as it was preparing to open in the city of St. Marc on Tuesday, highlighting the fear surrounding a disease that was almost unknown in Haiti before it began spreading through the countryside, aid workers said. Some of the roughly 300 students and other protesters said they feared the Doctors Without Borders-Spain clinic would bring more of the disease to their seaside town, which is one of the hardest hit in the week-old epidemic that has killed 284 people and infected 3,769, according to United Nations figures.

Witnesses said the protesters threw rocks and at least one Molotov cocktail. U.N. peacekeepers from Argentina arrived with riot shields to reinforce police. Warning shots were heard; the U.N. said its soldiers fired blanks. There were no reports of injuries. Haitian health officials assured the crowd the clinic would not open in that neighborhood. The 400-bed facility was intended to rehydrate and treat people with the severe diarrheal disease. Doctors Without Borders-

Spain country chief Francisco Otero said the group had consulted with local authorities and told them the clinic is important for stemming the spread of cholera. He said they would try to reopen it in another part of St. Marc.

"In the coming days we are going to start to work with this community, to explain that there is no risk for them to have such a facility," Otero told The Associated Press.

More than 420 new cholera cases were confirmed Tuesday, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. Twenty-five new deaths were confirmed, bringing the total to 284.

OCHA spokeswoman Imogen Wall says the majority of cases occurred along the central Artibonite River with many new instances in Haiti's central plateau. St. Marc's main hospital was the first to widely alert the epidemic as it overflowed with the sick and dying.

Haitian television aired footage of emaciated patients and parents grieving for children lost in the epidemic over mournful music on Tuesday afternoon. The programs were reminiscent of montages from



Women hold children with cholera symptoms as they wait for treatment at the St. Nicholas hospital in Saint Marc, Haiti, Friday, Oct. 22, 2010. An outbreak of cholera in rural central Haiti has killed at least 142 people and sickened hundreds more who overwhelmed the hospital in Saint Marc seeking treatment.

earlier this year about the earthquake.

U.N. staff have been told to avoid areas of heavy infection unless they are given special permission to go there. Guatemalan police manned a checkpoint Tuesday on the highway from Port-au-Prince to Mirebalais, a hard-hit city in central Haiti, to make sure unauthorized U.N. vehicles did not pass.

Aid workers, meanwhile, scrambled to contain the spread of the disease, which has not occurred in Haiti for generations.

Speaker trucks passed through neighborhoods in the capital, where a handful of cases have been confirmed in people who apparently contracted it in the countryside, advising the city's millions of residents to wash

their hands.

The Dominican Republic, which borders the central plateau where many new cases are being found, announced that all people crossing the border must wash hands and complete a medical form. They also stepped up military surveillance and closed a twice-weekly binational market on Monday, sparking protests on the Haitian side of the border.

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## Aruba TODAY

Monsters, zombies and bats  
**ChinoLatino ready for Halloween**



PALM BEACH - ChinoLatino, the great restaurant of The Village across from the Radisson Resort, is ready for a haunting Halloween. Spiders are creeping up the walls, their webs and flickering candles preparing the way for the ghosts, bats and creepy crawlies that are expected to hold court there on October 31. A weird menu will attract Halloween guests, so be prepared for some outrageous drinks and food choices.

Creepy (R.I.P) cocktails include a green Hulk martini, a poisoned Appletini, Vampire Elixir and Zombie Bacardi. The poisoned miso soup is going to be delicious, as are the killer beef kebabs. Broomstick crab skewers are a great choice as well, as are the sushi killer rolls, monster rolls and spider rolls. Of course guests are expected to show up wearing masks and costumes to ward off the evil spirits.

A bit of history: Halloween is an annual holiday with its roots in the Celtic Festival of Samhain (Summer's End) and the Christian holiday All Saints' Day. Activities on Halloween are trick-or-treating, wearing costumes, carving jack-o'-lanterns, ghost tours, bonfires, apple bobbing, visiting haunted attractions, committing pranks and telling ghost stories. On Aruba none of the above practices is observed: the only thing that is done is visiting a haunted attraction or going to a horror movie.

The festival of Halloween celebrates the end of the 'light half' of the year and the beginning of the 'dark half'. The ancient Celts believed that the border between this world and the Otherworld became thin on Samhain, allowing spirits to pass through. The harmful spirits were warded off by the wearing of costumes and masks. The name Halloween is derived from All-Hallows-Eve (evening).



*Aruban team on the "Alina" takes second*  
**Southern Pride Victorious In Caribbean Cup**



ORANJESTAD - The Southern Pride fishing team, comprised of owner Ted Smith and Gerard Aliseo, Russell Petranto and Tucker Colquhoun, led the Chivas Regal Aruba Caribbean Cup nearly wire to wire. The team released a pair of blue marlin and a white marlin early on Day One and never relinquished the lead from that point forward. They finished the tournament with 2100 points; four blue marlin, one white marlin and a pair of sailfish in four days of tournament competition. Second place fell to the Aruban-based Alina, captained by Eric Mansur. The team released a Grand Slam for the boat on Day Two, winding up the event with 1900 points; three blue marlin, one white marlin and three sailfish (plus 100 additional bonus points for the Grand Slam).

The OBX team, fishing on the Teaser, slid into third place with a big move on the third day of the tournament. They finished the event with 1600 points; four white marlin and four sailfish.

The anglers, observers, captains and crews really enjoyed the tournament, which featured good fishing in unseasonably calm seas and plenty of warm-hearted Aruban hospitality along the way.

**BLUE MARLIN:** 21 **WHITE MARLIN:** 13  
**SAILFISH:** 37

**1ST PLACE TEAM:** Southern Pride, 2100 points  
**2ND PLACE TEAM:** Alina, 1900 pts.  
**3RD PLACE TEAM:** Team OBX, 1600 pts

**1ST PLACE ANGLER:** Anthony Maduro, 1000 pts  
**2ND PLACE ANGLER:** Harry Vernon, 900 pts  
**3RD PLACE ANGLER:** Tucker Colquhoun, 800 pts

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## Would you like to adopt me?

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There was a small hole in the fence and I went inside. In the beginning I was a little bit scared that I would be chased away, but the volunteers at the sanctuary are not like that. Because I have two large scars on my hind legs, they called me Scar. Easy for me, because I am easily recognizable that way. But even without my scars I would be recognizable for I have a chip like all the other donkeys. Now I have a lot of friends with whom I play the whole day. I love it there; life is pretty good. I get fed and watered on time and when I get sick the vet comes in to look at me. So we are quite expensive donkeys, all of us. The volunteers try and undertake all kinds of activities and actions to generate money and they sell great donkey stuff at the store. Sometimes very kind people adopt one of the donkeys to support the sanctuary.

And that is also why I am trying to find people who want to adopt me. I will still stay at the



Donkey Sanctuary, but you just need to pay thirty florins per month for my upkeep. You help the sanctuary this way and me as well. You will receive a nice document and a fantastic tee-shirt. Can you call the Sanctuary please? The number is 593-2933. You can also become a sponsor via our website [www.arubandonkey.org](http://www.arubandonkey.org). Please help.

ORANJESTAD – GTS Millennium the flagship of the Millennium Class of cruise ships, operated by Celebrity Cruises visited the port of Oranjestad this week. While docked ashore the entire culinary brigade including the executive chef, the director of food and beverage and his corporate counterpart, stopped at El Gaucho for a delicious meal.

It's already a tradition, says John Paul Lamb, the F&B Manager, when ashore, we head for an excellent meal at El Gaucho, we deserve the rest, he banters! As a matter of fact, they do, as Celebrity Millennium boasts a two-level main dining room, and a buffet that serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner, catering over 3,000 meals a day.

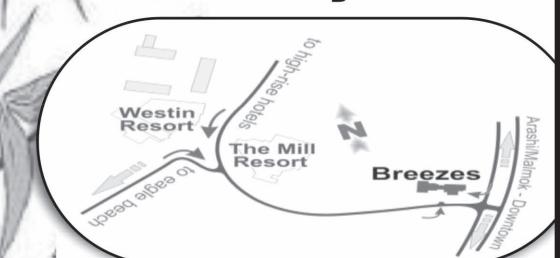
Pictures here the culinary dignitaries dining in great style, over bottomless glasses of sangria at El Gaucho Argentine Grill.

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At the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino &amp; Spa

## A Celebration in Honor of Maikel Ras – Manager of the Year



PALM BEACH – Maikel Ras, Director of Information and Technology for the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa has just recently won the ultimate recognition when he was named recipient of the Shoco Award, as Manager of the Year. The national recognition is bestowed by

The Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association, representing the highest island-wide Award of Excellence. General Manager Rob Smith explains that Ras first won his resort's Manager of the Year title in 2000 and repeated the achievement in 2009, as the only manager in

history to win the title twice. Smith reiterates that Ras is considered one of the most competent IT directors, within the parent company, Carlson Hotel & Resorts Worldwide, and that from a technological standpoint he runs one of the company's best set ups, here in Aruba, in

## Island Extravaganza is proud to introduce its first weekly winner of Awg 1,000

ORANJESTAD -- On Friday evening, Bienvenido Sambo, a card-holder for the Crystal & Seaport casinos, became the first lucky winner of the Renaissance Island Extravaganza, weekly cash raffle. Bienvenido reports he accumulated points with his card having enjoyed a little gaming action at the casino. He received the lucky coupon for his first 25 points! Island visitors and locals are invited to shop, dine and play at the heart of town, at



Renaissance Mall & Marketplace, and bring their purchase receipts to the Player Center at either the Crystal or the Seaport Casino where they will receive a raffle ticket for each Awg 25 spent. Having filled out their name and their address appropriately, they may deposit the raffle ticket in the designated tombola. Casino players will naturally be rewarded with raffle tickets for each 25 points they accumulate while playing. Sister Renaissance Resorts in Aruba and in Curacao recently launched this inter-island, year-end promotion under the name Island Extravaganza. It is designed to offer a fully loaded 2011 Suzuki Grand Vitara on both islands simultaneously, to two lucky winners on the same day, December 4th, 2010. The Renaissance in Aruba is proud to display the prized vehicle in front of the Renaissance Mall entrance as part of the promotional campaign.

On December 4th, a well orchestrated party will celebrate the conclusion of the campaign capped by the 9 p.m. car raffle. The campaign created an instant sensation as locals and visiting shoppers, always pleased to receive added-value for an Awg 25 investment, flocked to the heart of town prepared to also win a cruise for two, a trip for two to the USA, or a trip for two to Curacao, shopping gift certificates, dinner vouchers for L.G. Smith Steak & Chop House, Brunch at Aquarius Restaurant besides the fantastic weekly raffles for Awg 1,000, in Renaissance Gift Certificates. Visitors, this is your chance to get more out of your vacation dollars: head down to the Renaissance, by taxi, by bus, even walking, just make sure you get there, to be included in the opportunity to have your Christmas gifts paid for!

full compliance of corporate security advancements and privacy technology, in addition to having excellent resort knowledge and exceptional people skills, combined with the willingness to serve his community. Ras who has worked at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa in different capacities for the past 16 years is very well liked and admired, and his colleagues were pleased to help him celebrate his success, at a roof top reception at sunset. Lourdes Geerman who

compiled the Shoco application on behalf of the resort reports Ras is indeed multi-faceted, a certificated pilot who served in the military for 4 years before becoming an hotelier. The Shoco award incidentally, is not his first decoration, having earned one from the French Military Commandos and from the Red Cross, also from a distressed and then relieved husband and wife, for having helped deliver their baby safely, nowhere near a hospital, when he was stationed as a soldier in St. Martin, mid-Hurricane Hugo.

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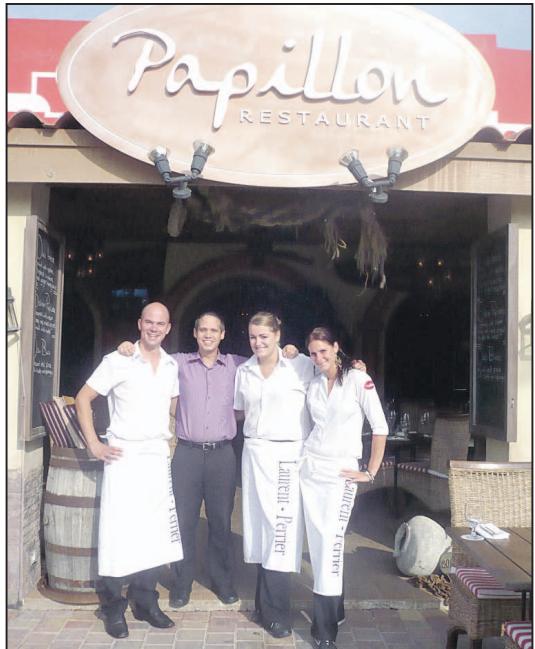
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## Papillon receives smoked eels! A Dutch delicacy



PALM BEACH - Five kilos of a spectacular Dutch delicacy, freshly smoked eels, are expected to delight connoisseurs this Thursday at Papillon Restaurant. Flown in, still wafting, so to speak, the conger eels are ready to be served on toast and savored. The eels are available as an appetizer or as a hors d'oeuvre at the bar. They are a splendid addition to the menu of the restaurant, which is now in its first week of offering game. The game season in Europe runs from October 15 until Christmas.

Much of the European eel's life history has remained a mystery for centuries, as fishermen could never catch anything they could identify as a young eel. Questions still remain, although they are believed to spawn when they are mature adults of 5 to 20 years old. Afterwards



the eels die. The larvae drift in migration and metamorphose into so-called glass eels before they become elvers and yellow eels; later in life they get a silvery color.

Smoked eels are delicious to the Dutch, who are well-known for their specific, some say idiosyncratic, marine delicacies. Just think about their raw herrings with chopped onions. To the English it is the jellied eels of East London that have gained fame. The tube-like, snake-shaped eels come in 19 species. They have large, pointed heads and fins lining the posterior end of the body. They cannot be bred in captivity. Eels normally grow to 1 to 3 feet long. They have an excellent sense of smell, but do not see very well. They are nocturnal creatures.

## Smart Systems announces raffle winners!

ORANJESTAD - When Glenn Kock, general manager of Smart Systems came up with the idea of promoting a new security system, he was sure he would get a few hundred participants ... But when Mila Ponson, Frida Heyliger, Angeleau Logo and Evencio Geerman opened up the raffle boxes at Camacuri and Savaneta General Store, they were pleasantly surprised, when they were able to count several thousand coupons! Only in Savaneta, more than 2,000 coupons were counted! Smart Systems started a promotion at the two General Stores in August, offering every client who patronized the stores a coupon to fill out, every time they visit. The offer was for two innovative security services, completely installed: One is a fully installed system with camera's and motion detectors, while the second is the B.E.M. Emergency Medical Button. The latter being an innovative system, new to the Island of Aruba and designed to give "peace of mind" to the relatives and families of senior citizens, who have decided to live independently at home. It's a security system that is operated by pressing a button, in case of a medical- or any other type of emergency, which will send an automatic signal to a 24-hourly manned dispatch center. Upon receipt of this signal help will be dispatched immediately. The system is installed in such a manner that there is no need to make a phone-call or have a phone handy, communication can be made right away through the installed system.

Smart Systems has installed more than 400

homes and businesses on the Island of Aruba, ranging from San Nicolaas to Tierra del Sol, with satisfied customers for the excellent service that they provide. Smart Systems offers the latest in security systems, surveillance and patrol services on the Island of Aruba.

The happy winners of the raffle for the security systems are:

For General Store Do It Best Savaneta: Rafael Kelly residing in Savaneta, who was given a completely installed security system for his home, with one year of services completely free. Also awarded to Irene Rodriguez of Oranjestad a B.E.M. Medical Emergency Button, which consists of a fully installed system, plus a one year service contract.

Winners at General Store Camacuri are: Rick Rasmijn, who has won a completely installed security system for his home, with six months of services completely free. Also a winner was Veruschka Silberie of Savaneta a B.E.M. Medical Emergency Button, which consists of a fully installed system, plus a six months service contract. Smart Systems and General Store are happy with the outcome of this project, because we've made 4 of our clients happy with a home security system, which is not only innovative on the Island but will make them feel more secure while at home or better yet away from home. We're very pleased with the participation in this project and we wish our winners enjoyment of their newly installed systems.

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At the Renaissance Convention Center

# Rymark International and M&C Magazine Throw a Fabulous Party

ORANJESTAD - M&C Magazine / R Y M A R K International "Castaways" Deep-Sea Fishing & Golf Tournament on Aruba was a collaborative effort between Rymark International and M&C Magazine, whose publisher Bernie Schraer was on hand to personally welcome guests to the island. The purpose of the event was to bring meeting & event planners and suppliers together to build and reinforce business and personal relationships. Held for 14 years in a row, guests were headquartered here at the Occidental Grand enjoying a weekend of Deep-Sea Fishing, Golf and other planned activities including a Marketplace Tradeshow. Pamela Shepherd, of the Aruba Convention Bureau, helped orchestrate the schedule on behalf of the Aruba Hotel



& Tourism Association. On their second night here dignitaries were treated to the culinary excellence of the Renaissance Convention Center dining leisurely to the music of Dave Cousins and

his band. On the menu, do-it-yourself Chicken Hot Pot, inviting guests to make their own delicious version with mushrooms, tofu, ginger, bean sprouts, pack soy, chicken, fried rice or noodles, chased by



a rich grilled variety of dishes, from marinated lamb chops to filet mignon, baby lobster tails and tuna with ginger soy. Pictured here, guests from the University of California, San Diego, AmerAssure

Marketing Group, Utilities Service Alliance, Grace Management, and American Council on Education, among others, mingling with their hosts from RYMARK and the executives of the Renaissance.

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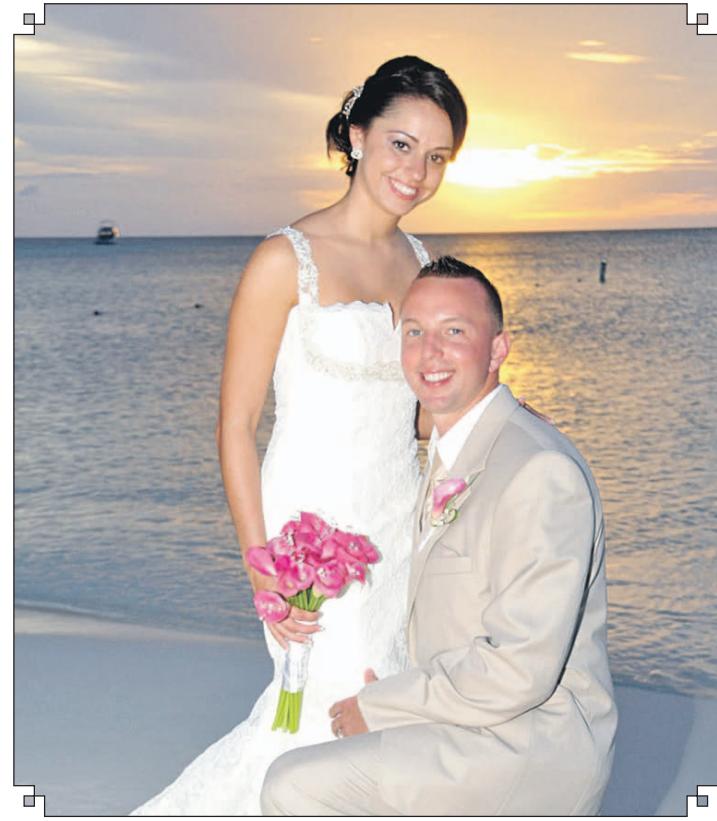
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Celebrating love with marriage at the Occidental Grand

# Sonia & Mark exchange rings & vows at sunset



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Aruba Resort & Casino just before the sun gently set into the Caribbean Sea. The once-in-a-lifetime dream wedding was orchestrated by the resort's Wedding Coordinator Kimberley Ras-Damerman and her professional staff. After sunset photos and a champagne toast on the beach, the group of nearly 4 dozen

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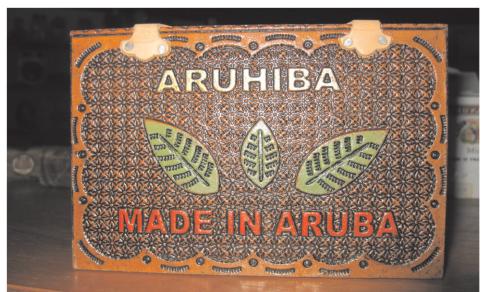
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Thomas Muster of Austria reacts during his match against Andreas Haider-Maurer of Austria at the BA tennis trophy in Vienna, Austria, on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010. Associated Press

### Muster beaten on comeback to ATP Tour

ERIC WILLEMSSEN  
Associated Press

VIENNA (AP) — Former No. 1 Thomas Muster lost his first match back on the ATP Tour after 11 years away on Tuesday, but afterwards insisted he still plans to press ahead with a comeback next season.

The 43-year-old Muster, who won the French Open in 1995 and became No. 1 the next year, was beaten 6-2, 7-6 (5) by fellow Austrian Andreas Haider-Maurer at the Bank Austria Trophy.

"I'll keep training hard and plan to enter 20 to 25 events from March," Muster said of his future plans without elaborating on his goals.

"I don't want to define them," he said. "There is no pressure of getting into the top 10. It's about enjoying tennis. In '99, I hated tennis, now I love it." Muster returned to competitive tennis on the second-tier Challenger circuit

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A photographer takes a picture of the logo at AT&T Park before practice for Game 1 of baseball's World Series between the San Francisco Giants and the Texas Rangers Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010, in San Francisco. Associated Press

### How Rangers and Giants match up

MIKE FITZPATRICK  
AP Sports Writer

*A position-by-position look at the Texas Rangers and San Francisco Giants going into the World Series, starting Wednesday at AT&T Park:*

#### First Base

Rangers: Mitch Moreland. Called up in late July, the rookie batted .255 with nine homers and 25 RBIs in 47 games.

Entering the postseason, it appeared he would platoon with right-handed hitting Jorge Cantu. But Cantu went 0 for 7 in the playoffs and Moreland has solidified a trouble spot for Texas with competitive at-bats and solid defense. He batted a team-high .389 with three RBIs in the American League championship series against the New York Yankees and is now starting regularly, even against left-handed pitching.

Giants: Aubrey Huff. Signed as a free agent to a one-year contract at the bargain price of \$3 million, Huff had a huge season and provided much-needed power in the middle of an inconsistent lineup. He had a .385 on-base percentage with 26 homers and 86 RBIs. Playing in his first postseason, the 34-year-old slugger is a clubhouse leader but his defense can be shaky.

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### NFL Roundup



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo walks the sideline during the second half of an NFL football game against the New York Giants on Monday, Oct. 25, 2010, in Arlington, Texas. Associated Press

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### Paul the predicting octopus dies

NESHA STARCEVIC  
AP Sports Writer

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Paul the Octopus, the tentacled tipster who fascinated football fans by correctly predicting results at this year's World Cup, died Tuesday.

Paul had reached octopus old age of 2½ years and died in his tank on Tuesday morning in an aquarium in the western German city of Oberhausen,

spokeswoman Ariane Vieregge said.

Paul seemed to be in good shape when he was checked late Monday, but he did not make it through the night. He died of natural causes, Vieregge added.

"We had all naturally grown very fond of



him and he will be sorely missed," Sea Life manager Stefan Porwoll said in a statement.

The aquarium has not yet decided how best to commemorate their most famous resident, he said.

# Fall Series producing some big moments

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

Jonathan Byrd hit one of the greatest shots hardly anyone saw, himself included.

In the gloaming of Las Vegas, the last Byrd could see was his ball drawing toward the flag on the 204-yard 17th hole at the TPC Summerlin in a three-man playoff. What followed were cheers, the kind usually heard Thursday morning on an empty golf course.

"I didn't see it, so I didn't know I made it," Byrd said Tuesday. "There was hardly anybody at the green. All the fans were behind us on the hill, or back on the 18th green."

The size of the crowd — in Las Vegas or in front of a TV — doesn't minimize the magnificence of the finish. It was the first time in PGA Tour history that a sudden-death

playoff had been decided by a hole-in-one.

That it happened during the Fall Series makes it no less special.

Only a week earlier, Rocco Mediate played before a less-than-full house at CordeValle and produced his own amazing finish. He made an eagle with a full swing for the fourth straight day, this one a wedge on the 17th hole, that led to victory in the Frys.com Open. Either makes a strong candidate for shot of the year on the PGA Tour.

The more likely selection will be Phil Mickelson hitting a 6-iron through a gap in the pine trees on the 13th hole at Augusta National, over Rae's Creek to about 5 feet. Never mind that he missed the eagle putt. It sent him to a green jacket, which trumps a photo op with Justin Timberlake just

about every time.

"Mine was the most dramatic to win a tournament — a hole-in-one, something that had never been done," Byrd said when asked to pick between the two shots. "But it's a different deal trying to win a major. I would say in the whole scheme of golf, it's more meaningful to hit a shot like he did through the trees ... to win a major."

It's not like Byrd's shot will have an asterisk.

That's a word that first came up when Tiger Woods didn't play the last two majors of 2008, and one that Charles Howell III brought up as the Fall Series was gaining traction at Sea Island this month.

Some look at this time of the year as irrelevant to everyone except the players trying to keep their jobs.

The fields are not as strong. The TV networks are done for the year except for the Chevron World Challenge that Woods hosts in December. The galleries are small enough to be counted.

It wasn't much different before there was such a thing as the FedEx Cup or the Fall Series. Woods didn't play then, either, except for the World Golf Championship that was held somewhere between the old 84 Lumber Classic and Greensboro.

There has always been different tiers of the tour, and that hasn't changed.

"You've got the top 50 world-ranked guys playing a certain schedule, guys who have somewhat of a full schedule and rookies playing a limited schedule with limited purse sizes, who have a little tougher road to keeping their card," Byrd said.

The schedule one keeps is directly related to the scores he shoots. That hasn't changed, either.

Byrd had to rally in the closing holes to get into the three-man playoff, and the emotions he faced felt similar to when he had the lead on the back nine at the Memorial last year.

"Every tournament has a different feel to it based on



Jonathan Byrd kisses the trophy after sinking a hole-in-one on the fourth playoff hole to win the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open golf tournament at TPC Summerlin on Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010, in Las Vegas.

Associated Press

how many fans are out there, whether it's a hometown tournament," Byrd said. "The Fall Series is not going to draw the same crowd as Memorial. For me as a player, I didn't feel different. It was the same emotion as Memorial. With not as many people out there, it has a different vibe."

Keep in mind, these are not glorified Nationwide Tour stops. For the second straight year, 12 players at the Tour Championship have played at least once in the Fall Series. That's a little less than what tour officials anticipated when the FedEx Cup began, and it's understandable in a Ryder Cup year.

The field for the McGladrey Classic, a boutique tournament held at tony Sea Island, was stronger than three tournaments where the winners received an automatic invitation to the Masters.

"Somehow they got classified as an invisible asterisk besides them," Howell said of the Fall Series. "If you win some of these tournaments, you should get in the Masters."

The emphasis on the Fall Series is trying to finish in the top 125 to keep a tour card, get

into the top 70 to qualify for some of the elite invitationals (such as Bay Hill) or to get into the top 30 and earn a trip to the Masters. Others simply like to play, for that's what they do. And for some, it's a time to test new equipment or work on their swings.

That doesn't make the competition — or some of the shots — less compelling than it was in February or July. Sea Island and CordeValle stack up nicely with most courses on consecutive weeks during the "regular season." The TPC Summerlin offers three eagle opportunities on a four-hole stretch on the back nine. That's fun.

Byrd, meanwhile, didn't see his historic ace until he got back to his hotel room to shower before his red-eye flight home to Sea Island in Georgia. His caddie pulled up the replay on his cell phone. They gave each other high-fives.

Since then, Byrd's cell phone has filled up with voicemail from friends telling him it was the greatest shot to end a tournament. So at least someone was watching.

## Official: U.S. swimmer likely died in '1 second'



In this July 14, 2007, file photo, Fran Crippen of the United States, holds up his gold medal he won in the men's 10-kilometer swimming marathon at the Pan American Games at Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro.

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — American open-water swimmer Fran Crippen likely died so suddenly last week that he didn't have time to remove his goggles during a 10-kilometer race, a UAE swimming official said Tuesday.

The comments by Ayman Saad, the managing director of the UAE swimming federation, come as investigators try to pinpoint the cause of death for the 26-year-old Crippen.

The president of the world swimming federation has said that "overexertion" led to Crippen's death in waters reaching above 86 degrees F off Fujairah, about 60 miles east of Dubai.

Saad said Crippen's body was found with swimming goggles in place, suggesting he went down in "one second" in the World Cup event. He said that open-water swimmers

normally remove their goggles immediately when are fatigued or in trouble.

"It's not normal ... I think he pushed himself too much," he said. USA Swimming said it will open its own investigation. Crippen, from suburban Philadelphia, was found about 400 meters (yards) from the finish, organizers said.

USA Swimming executive director Chuck Wielgus said his group plans to ask FINA to review and improve open-water safety precautions.

# Romo breaks collarbone in 41-35 loss to Giants

JAIME ARON

AP Pro Football Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Tony Romo threw the pass, then didn't have a chance. Linebacker Michael Boley was coming right at him, unblocked and going full speed.

The hit was so hard that when Romo landed on his left shoulder, Boley heard him "let out a little scream." All Romo remembers was how much trouble he had breathing.

It was probably the last gasp for the 2010 Dallas Cowboys, too.

Romo broke his left collarbone on the play, turning a promising start in Monday night's game against the New York Giants into yet another loss. The Cowboys went through a funk after losing their quarterback and Eli Manning took advantage, powering New York from a 13-point deficit to a 41-35 victory that put the Giants a full game ahead of the NFC East and tied for the most wins in the conference.

Manning led New York (5-2) on five straight scoring drives over the middle two quarters, posting 31 points. He bounced back from interceptions on his first two drives of the night to match his career best with four touchdown passes, Brandon Jacobs ran 30 yards for a touchdown and Lawrence Tynes kicked a career-best 53-yard field goal, just some of their many highlights.

"The way we started the game tonight, to be able to come back from that and show the mental toughness was big," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said he was told Romo would miss about 6 to 8 weeks. More tests that are scheduled for Tuesday should help set a timetable. But it might not matter much. Dallas is 1-5, so there may not be any reason to rush back. The 1970 Bengals are the only 1-5 team ever to make the playoffs.

"I'm staying optimistic," Romo said. "This football team has a lot of high-character guys, a lot of competitive individuals who aren't going to give in to a tough situation."

Tough? Put it this way: The historically woebegone Texas Rangers could win more games in October and November than the five-time Super Bowl champion Cowboys. And with the Super Bowl coming to Cowboys Stadium in February,

it's all but certain the host team won't be playing. Worse still, this once-promising season is now linked to 1989 — the year Jones bought the team, Jimmy Johnson took over as coach and the Cowboys went 1-15; that was the last time Dallas started 1-5. At least back then everyone knew the team was lousy. "There are a lot of teams in this league that have had to step in and do a different direction at quarterback," Jones said. "We've got to be able to play without Romo."

This was the fourth straight win for the Giants. The really stunning number is five; that's how many quarterbacks they have injured this season.

Even in a week where the NFL is scrutinizing hard hits, Boley didn't draw a flag. It was a clean play, just a textbook example of a hard hit.

"The guard didn't see me," Boley said. "I came in scot-free. ... I didn't think he was going to lay down. I thought it was a normal hit. After I got up and started running, I looked back and saw he was down."

X-rays showed the break before halftime. Romo was back on the sideline for the second half, his arm in a sling and covered by a jacket. He wore a headset and tried encouraging teammates, but there wasn't much to cheer about.

The Cowboys actually were up only 10-7 when Romo left and stretched it to 20-7. Then came New York's scoring flurry, which sent home much of the crowd by the middle of the third quarter and prompted chants of "Let's go Rangers!"

The Giants were already ahead by the time Romo's injury was diagnosed.

Dallas backup Jon Kitna hadn't played since Oct. 5, 2008, when he was part of Detroit's winless season. Whether it was the long layoff, being 38 or both, he sure looked rusty.

His first and third passes were tipped. The next time he dropped back, he was sacked for a 10-yard loss, forcing Dallas to punt from its own end zone. The Giants took advantage of the short field to score the go-ahead touchdown. His next pass was fumbled by Jason Witten, setting up Tynes' long field goal. It got so bad that there was a mock cheer when he completed a pass for a first down early in fourth

quarter. He finished 16 of 33 for 187 yards.

"It just took him a while to get going," Cowboys coach Wade Phillips said. "Once he did, it gave us a chance."

Kitna ended up throwing a pair of touchdown passes to rookie Dez Bryant in the final 3:17, but Dallas failed to recover onside kicks after each. New York got another field goal from Tynes after the first, then ran out the clock after the second.

Manning was 25 of 35 for 306 yards. This was the fourth time he'd thrown four TD passes.

Hakeem Nicks caught nine passes for 108 yards and two touchdowns. Steve Smith caught nine passes for 101 yards and a touchdown. Mario Manningham had the other TD catch.

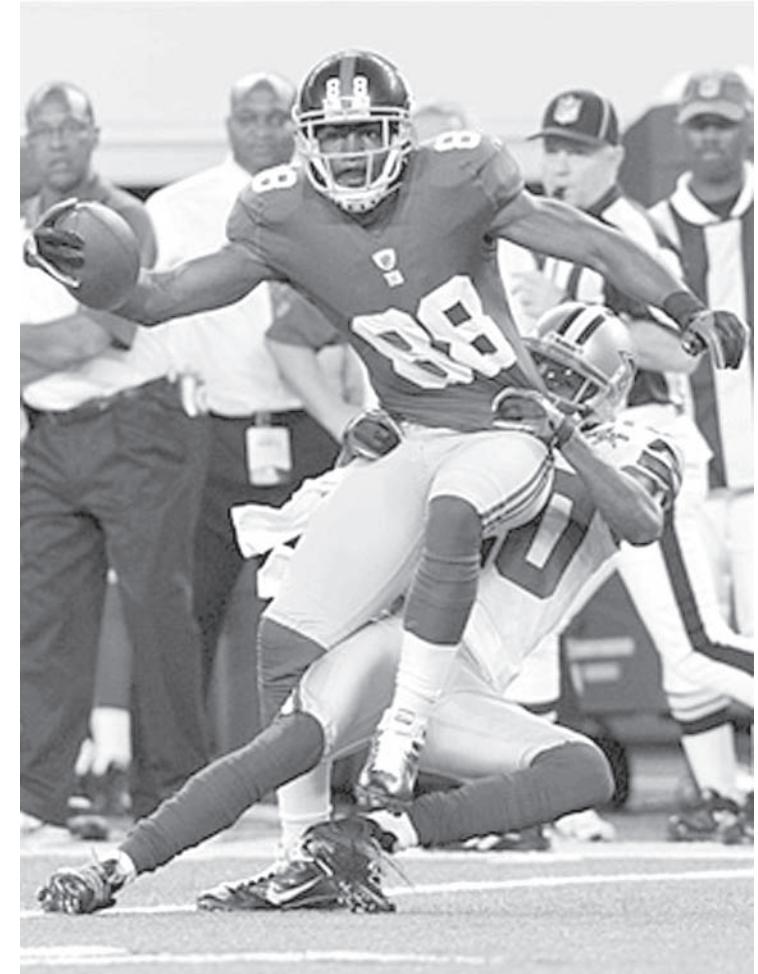
Ahmad Bradshaw ran 24 times for 126 yards. Jacobs had 75 yards on 12 carries.

The craziest part about this game was how many things the Cowboys did right: A club that had only four takeaways all season snatched five. A special teams group that was getting known for giving up big plays made a huge one — a 93-yard punt return for a touchdown by Bryant. They drew only five penalties.

But they also went 0 for 10 on third downs. And Romo wasn't the only guy lost to injury. Defensive end Jason Hatcher and left guard Montrae Holland hurt groins. Holland already was filling in for injured starter Kyle Kosier, so the Cowboys had to go with Phil Costa, a rookie free agent who was making his NFL debut.

Romo had thrown every pass by a Cowboys quarterback since Nov. 16, 2008, when he returned from a broken pinkie on his throwing hand that cost him three games. He set the franchise record for yards passing in a season last year, making the Pro Bowl for the third time. In his brief action Monday night, he broke his own club record by throwing for a touchdown in his 18th straight game. He was 5 of 7 for 39 yards.

The Cowboys pulled out the stops this week to try turning things around. Jones gave an encouraging speech Monday, officials worked practices on Wednesday and Thursday and Hall of Famers Bob Lilly and Tony Dorsett were honorary captains for this game. (Hours earlier, Dorsett called the team



New York Giants wide receiver Hakeem Nicks is tackled by Dallas Cowboys cornerback Alan Ball during the first half of an NFL football game Monday, Oct. 25, 2010, in Arlington, Texas.

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"a bunch of underachievers.")

They drummed up some loud applause by showing clips of the World Series-bound Rangers, then cutting to team icon Nolan

Ryan in the stands.

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## NHL enters talks for new TV deals flying high

By RACHEL COHEN

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — The NHL capped last season with its best television rating for a game in 36 years.

League officials think they can do even better.

That conviction will help guide the NHL's negotiations for its next TV contracts. Deals with NBC and Versus expire after this season.

"A lot of it has to do with getting the exposure, getting the word out," John Collins, the NHL's chief operating officer, said before this season. "People can talk about how great the finals were — and they were — and how great it was to have Chicago and Philly.

"While people really came to the Flyers' story and it really began to resonate with them, they didn't get to it until pretty late in the playoffs. We look at it and we're saying, 'How much bigger could this thing be?'"

There's no question that Game 6 of the Stanley Cup finals put together many of the ingredients that make a big TV rating. It had two large markets in Chicago and Philadelphia engrossed in their teams' playoff runs; franchises with enough tradition to draw fans in other cities; the recognizable names of rising stars; and a series that went deep.

But Collins points out that the game's 4.7 rating on NBC came even though none of the seventh-seeded Flyers' first-round playoff games were televised nationally in their entirety.

Beyond the simple goal of generating more money from its next contracts, the league faces the question of how to best grow the game. At a recent media gathering to discuss the upcoming HBO reality series centered on the Winter Classic — another sign of the NHL's burgeoning appeal — Collins made clear he believes the league has been held back by a lack of exposure.

"Particularly here in the U.S., the hockey fan is so underserved," he said.

"I don't think it's a big secret we're in the last year of our U.S. agreements, and we have this year to sit down with our current partners and figure out how we can improve all that," Collins said. "That will be one of the things we want to talk about: How do we take our marquee events, particularly the Stanley Cup playoffs, and make them even bigger?"

Such talk was unimaginable when NHL was starting its relationships with NBC and Versus. The league was coming off the devastating lockout that wiped out the 2004-05 season, and ratings were minuscule when hockey returned.

Ratings have bounced back to match — and even exceed — pre-lockout levels. The numbers are all relative, of course: the NHL still falls short of baseball and basketball. But the league clearly has far more leverage than it did when it signed a deal just before the lockout in which NBC paid no fees for the broadcasting rights but instead shared advertising revenues.



Los Angeles Kings' Michal Handzus (26), of Slovakia, is congratulated by teammates after scoring in the shootout of an NHL hockey game Monday, Oct. 25, 2010, in St. Paul, Minn. The Kings won 3-2. With its TV contracts with NBC and Versus expiring after this season, the NHL enters negotiations bolstered by improved ratings. The league now hopes to increase its exposure.

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"We have a great partnership with the NHL. It's a terrific product," NBC Sports president Ken Schanzer said. "We are proud to have broadcast some of the most-watched games in NHL and hockey history in recent years and would love to see our relationship continue in the future."

NBC will televise the Winter Classic, nine additional regular-season games, some weekend playoff matchups and up to five games of the Stanley Cup finals this season. Versus is scheduled to air 79 regular-season games and the remainder of the playoffs.

The Flyers weren't the only ones left off national TV in

the first round of last season's playoffs. Of 49 games, only 26 were broadcast nationally in the United States in their entirety, with another 10 joined in progress. All Major League Baseball and NBA playoff games are televised nationally.

Another hindrance to exposure: "National" doesn't mean everybody can see them. Versus is available in just 65 percent of American homes with televisions.

The NHL's previous cable partner, ESPN, is in 86 percent. ESPN officials have repeatedly said they're interested in possibly televising hockey again but won't comment beyond that.

Putting games on ESPN in any sport means the network can promote them during other highly watched events. Plus it can draw in more casual fans who often flip over to ESPN just to see what's on.

The trade-off in gaining all those extra potential viewers is the NHL would have to compete for time and favorable programming slots with the many other major sports aired on ESPN's networks. Versus, in contrast, has dedicated itself to deep and frequent coverage of the league.

"We cover it like no one else has ever covered it," network president Jamie Davis.

# NHL Roundup Carter's 3 points lift Flyers over Sabres



Philadelphia Flyers' Jeff Carter, left, puts the puck into the net past Buffalo Sabres' Jordan Leopold, front, and goalie Ryan Miller as Flyers' Daniel Briere, rear, looks on during the third period of an NHL hockey game Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010, in Philadelphia. The Flyers won 6-3.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jeff Carter scored a goal and had two assists as the Philadelphia Flyers survived a third-period flurry to beat the Buffalo Sabres 6-3 on Tuesday.

Danny Briere and Claude Giroux each added a goal and an assist for Philadelphia, which had lost four of five.

Nikolay Zherdev, Darroll Powe and Andreas Nodl also

scored for the Flyers (4-4-1). Sergei Bobrovsky had 31 saves. Thomas Vanek scored in the first period, and Tyler Myers and Steve Montador added goals in the third for the Sabres.

Senators 5, Coyotes 2  
At Ottawa, Alex Kovalev scored twice and added an assist, combining with Erik Karlsson for the fastest two

goals in Ottawa history, to lead the Senators past Phoenix. Karlsson and Kovalev scored 9 seconds apart in the first period to break the previous team record by 1 second. Karlsson opened the scoring with a power-play goal 5:27 in. His goal was still being announced when Kovalev made it 2-0 at 5:36, breaking a modern franchise record set

15 years earlier. Chris Kelly also scored and Brian Elliott made 28 saves for Ottawa. Sami Lepisto and Keith Yandle scored for Phoenix, which has lost three in a row, including the first two games of a three-game trip.

Maple Leafs 3, Panthers 1  
At Toronto, Maple Leafs enforcer Colton Orr scored the winning goal after knocking

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over goalie Scott Clemmensen as Toronto beat Florida.

The teams were locked in a tight-checking game until Orr netted the decisive goal with 8:58 left. After slamming into Clemmensen, Orr tipped a shot from linemate Tim Brent into the wide open net. Clemmensen argued his case with the referee to no avail. Tyler Bozak and Phil Kessel also scored for the Maple Leafs.

Dennis Wideman had the lone goal for Florida.

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# APNewsBreak: Union would consider bigger playoffs

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AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Major League Baseball's playoffs could be expanding in two years. The new head of the players' union says his members are open to adding more wild-card teams for 2012 and possibly extending the division series to a best-of-seven.

Union head Michael Weiner says it's also possible players would agree to cutting the regular season from 162 games, but that's more problematic because it would cost teams revenue.

"There is sentiment among a substantial segment of the players to consider expanding the playoffs," Weiner said on Monday in an interview with The Associated Press.

Eight of 30 teams make the MLB playoffs under the format that

began in 1995.

MLB commissioner Bud Selig appears to be increasingly in favor of proposing more playoff teams during collective bargaining with the union next year, which will determine the postseason format for 2012 and beyond.

"We have less teams than any other sport," he said last month. "We certainly haven't abused anything."

In the NFL, 12 of 32 teams make the playoffs. In the NBA and NHL, 16 of 30 teams advance to the postseason.

The first-round series have been best-of-five since they began. It's possible they could follow the path of the league championship series, which began as best-of-five in 1969, then expanded to best-of-seven in 1985.

"There are some players who have expressed an interest in that,



*In this Oct. 18, 2010 file photo, a Philadelphia Phillies player practices in front of an advertisement for postseason baseball on Fox, in San Francisco. Major League Baseball officials who insist that small-salary teams can compete just fine with their big-spending brethren should be thrilled with this Rangers-Giants World Series. The reality is different: A lack of marquee clubs translates into weak TV ratings.*

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as well," Weiner said. "I think we can have a very healthy discussion with the commissioner's office when bargaining begins about these issues."

Bargaining is likely to start in the first half of the year on the labor contract to replace the one expiring on Dec. 11, 2011.

The regular season expanded from 154 games to 162 in the American League in 1961 and the National League a year later, when each of those circuits went from eight to 10 teams.

"Certainly some of the players have said either we should shorten the regular season because the regular season's too

long, or we should shorten the regular season to accommodate expanded postseason," Weiner said, adding that would have "revenue implications for the industry."

Not all players are in favor of a longer postseason.

"Personally, I like the system the way it is," San Francisco Giants outfielder Aaron Rowand said as he prepared for the World Series opener against the Texas Rangers. "I think just the one wild card team from each league. If you're in a division where you've got a team running away with it, it gives all those other teams hope of something to play

for throughout the course of the season."

Giants reliever Jeremy Affeldt was concerned that adding wild-card teams or increasing the length of the division series would make a long season even longer.

"If they're going to do that, they need to shorten the season then. That's a lot of games and that's a long time. Even in the playoffs now we're going potentially to Nov. 5," he said. "Sometimes they think we're just robots, but you've got to think of potential injuries. On pitchers, that's a lot of throwing."

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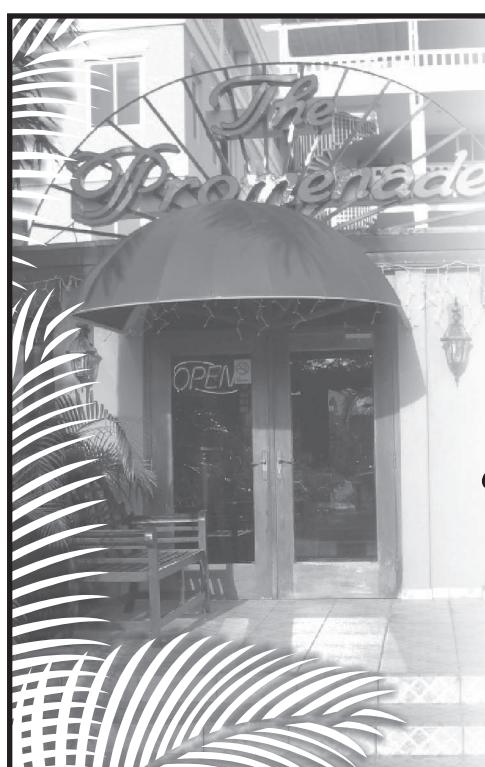
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## World Series

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Edge: Giants.

Second Base

Rangers: Ian Kinsler. Injuries limited the two-time All-Star to 103 games this year, when he batted .286 with only nine homers and 45 RBIs. But he's turned on the power in his first postseason, batting .342 with three home runs and nine RBIs in 11 games. A dangerous bat in the No. 6 spot.

Giants: Freddy Sanchez. The 2006 National League batting champion was stuck in a losing situation with Pittsburgh before getting traded to the Giants in July 2009. Now, he's playing in his first postseason and coming off a .360 batting average in the NL championship series upset of Philadelphia. A shoulder injury sidelined the three-time All-Star at the start of the season, but he's an excellent contact hitter with gap power who handles the bat well. He fits nicely in the No. 2 hole and offers steady defense, too.

Edge: Rangers, but it's close. Shortstop

Rangers: Elvis Andrus. Second-year speedster seems to enjoy the spotlight. He's been an offensive spark from the leadoff spot, batting .333 in the playoffs and stealing seven bases — including home. The 22-year-old is still learning and makes overaggressive mistakes, especially on the bases. But his range and overall defense might be unmatched by anyone at his position.

Giants: Edgar Renteria. In and out of the lineup, the 34-year-old Renteria played only 72 unproductive games this season, due in large part to injuries. With a wealth of postseason experience, he found his way back into the lineup in the NLCS, though he went 1 for 16 (.063) against Philadelphia. San Francisco sometimes goes with Juan Uribe at shortstop and Pablo Sandoval at third, leaving Renteria on the bench.

Edge: Rangers.

Third Base

Rangers: Michael Young. Another respected veteran



Texas Rangers' Cliff Lee throws during practice for Game 1 of baseball's World Series against the San Francisco Giants Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010, in San Francisco.

San Francisco Giants starting pitcher Tim Lincecum plays catch in the outfield during a baseball workout at AT&T Park in San Francisco, Monday, Oct. 25, 2010. The Giants and the Texas Rangers are scheduled to play Game 1 of the World Series on Wednesday. Associated Press



who waited years to win, Young is enjoying his first postseason appearance after a decade of playing second base, shortstop and third for Texas. He's the unquestioned leader in the clubhouse, and one teammate referred to him as the Derek Jeter or Cal Ripken Jr. of the Rangers. Young is a six-time All-Star who owns five 200-hit seasons. He had a homer and seven RBIs in the playoffs, but struck out an uncharacteristic 13 times.

Giants: Juan Uribe. What a crucial and pleasant surprise Uribe has been to a Giants club short on power. He set career highs with 24 homers and 85 RBIs this season, playing mostly at shortstop. But he can also slide over to second or third, and his defense is sound. A free swinger at the plate, Uribe won a World Series ring as the everyday shortstop for the 2005 Chicago White Sox. He also hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning of Game 6 in the NLCS to help San Francisco close out the Phillies on the road.

Edge: Rangers.

Catcher

Rangers: Bengie Molina. Traded from San Francisco to Texas on July 1, Molina has the unique distinction of playing for both teams in this World Series. He could wind up with a ring no matter who wins, and he said the Series will be a "happy, weird feeling" for him. Slow-footed but steady, the 36-year-old veteran is one of three Molina brothers who are major league catchers, all

with championships. Bengie, who brings quality defense and a capable bat, won his with the 2002 Angels. His firsthand knowledge of San Francisco's talented pitchers should only help his new Texas teammates. Molina hit .333 with two home runs and seven RBIs in the playoffs, including a go-ahead, three-run homer at Yankee Stadium in Game 4 of the ALCS. Matt Treanor, however, catches No. 2 starter C.J. Wilson.

Giants: Buster Posey. Called up from the minors May 29, Posey was considered one of baseball's top prospects and quickly showed why. San Francisco initially put him at first base just to get his bat in the lineup, then traded Molina to make room for the rookie at his regular position behind the plate. Posey batted .305 with 18 homers and 67 RBIs, moving into the cleanup spot and blossoming into a leading contender for NL Rookie of the Year. A future star, he boasts a strong arm and rare intangibles.

Edge: Giants.

Left Field

Rangers: Nelson Cruz. Though he spent most of the season in right field, Cruz is likely to play left in San Francisco, where NL rules prohibit a designated hitter, forcing Texas to put Vladimir Guerrero in right. Hamstring injuries limited Cruz to 108 games this season, but he provides prodigious power from the right side and he's been on a tear in the

postseason, batting .375 with five homers and eight RBIs. Left-handed hitter David Murphy is likely to start in left if the Giants throw a right-hander in Texas, moving Cruz back to right and putting Jeff Francoeur on the bench.

Giants: Pat Burrell. Released by Tampa Bay, Burrell was salvaged off the scrap heap when the Giants signed him to a minor league deal May 29. He was called up six days later and batted .266 with 18 homers and 51 RBIs for San Francisco. Burrell remains a threat to go deep, but he hit just .207 with a homer and four RBIs in the NL playoffs, striking out 11 times. He doesn't help much on defense, either.

Edge: Rangers.

Center Field

Rangers: Josh Hamilton. Many are familiar with his incredible comeback story from drug and alcohol addiction. Hamilton was rated one of the best prospects in the history of the draft when Tampa Bay selected him No. 1 overall — ahead of Josh Beckett — in 1999. It took The Natural a long time to fulfill his potential, but he's a top contender for this year's AL MVP award after hitting a major league-best .359 with 32 homers and 100 RBIs despite missing 24 games in September with two broken ribs. The multiskilled Hamilton runs down balls in center, has a strong arm and jaw-dropping power. He won ALCS MVP honors, batting .350 with four homers and

seven RBIs while frightening the Yankees into eight walks, five intentional.

Giants: Andres Torres. A longtime minor leaguer, Torres replaced pricey veteran Aaron Rowand as the starter in center this season and ignited a stagnant offense from the leadoff spot. The 32-year-old had 43 doubles and 26 steals while compiling a .343 on-base percentage with 16 homers and 63 RBIs. He slumped so badly in the playoffs, striking out 14 times, that Rowand got a couple of starts before Torres took over again.

Edge: Rangers.

Right Field

Rangers: Guerrero or Francoeur. Primarily a DH this season, Guerrero is likely to move back to his old spot during games in San Francisco. Achy knees have slowed him, though, and right field at AT&T Park can be tricky. Looking for his first World Series ring, Guerrero had a big comeback this year after an injury-marred season with the Angels in 2009. He batted .300 with 29 homers and 115 RBIs. Francoeur is likely to start in right against left-handers at home. Acquired from the New York Mets on Aug. 31, just in time to be eligible for the postseason, the free-swinging Francoeur is not the hitter he used to be. Giants pitchers can go after him. But he still plays solid defense and flashes a rocket arm while bringing his upbeat attitude to the clubhouse.

# Wozniacki, Zvonareva win at WTA Championships

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AP Sports Writer

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Caroline Wozniacki swept aside Elena Dementieva 6-1, 6-1 in the group stage of the WTA Championships on Tuesday, putting her one win away from ensuring she will remain the world's top-ranked player for 2010.

Wozniacki of Denmark was never threatened, racing out to a 3-0 lead in the first set on her way to thrashing Dementieva who often had no answer for Wozniacki's strong serves and well-placed groundstrokes.

"Very nice start, definitely. I'm very happy to be through this first match," said Wozniacki, who had a 4-3 record against Dementieva coming into the tournament.

"It's always tough to start a new tournament. Against Elena, I knew we have had so many tough matches in the past. It's nice to get this one."

Wozniacki needs to win two



Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki serves to Russia's Elena Dementieva during the 1st day of Qatar WTA Tennis Championship in Doha, Qatar, Tuesday Oct. 26, 2010.

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of her matches in the Maroon Group to fend off a challenge for her top ranking from No. 2 Vera Zvonareva of Russia.

The eight-player tournament

features the world's top performers in 2010, although the Williams sisters are absent due to injury. The top two players from the two groups

will advance to the semifinals. The humid and hot conditions appeared to influence the outcome of several matches. Temperatures had cooled by the evening from a high of 29 degrees Celsius (84 degrees Fahrenheit) but players complained about the conditions.

Zvonareva earlier beat a struggling Jelena Jankovic 6-3, 6-0 in the opening match of the White Group. Jankovic said later she became ill during match, suffering tingling and dizziness.

She told organizers she was too ill to attend a post-match news conference, but would continue in the tournament.

"I am still suffering from an illness that affected me last week and I had medical treatment after the match today when I received an IV," she said in a statement. "I had difficulty breathing during the match, felt dizzy and tingling and felt like I didn't have any power. I finished the match but I had a really hard time."

Dementieva also blamed the weather for her poor showing, saying the combination of heat and humidity was "killing you" and was the reason she was "going for the wrong shots all the time."

The loss for Jankovic, who held the No. 1 spot in 2008, continues a run of poor form. She has now dropped to eighth

## Muster

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James Blake of the United States returns the ball to Lukasz Kubot of Poland during their match at the BA ATP tennis trophy in Vienna, Austria, on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010.

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champion Jurgen Melzer. Eighth-seeded Juan Ignacio Chela of Argentina beat Slovakia's Andrej Martin 6-3, 6-3, while Tobias Kamke defeated fellow German Matthias Bachinger 6-4, 6-4.

Also, Santiago Geraldo of Colombia defeated Belgium's Xavier Malisse 6-4, 1-6, 6-1 and Grega Zemlja of Slovenia rallied to beat Marsel Ilhan of Turkey 4-6, 6-1, 7-5.

in June before accepting a wild card for the Vienna event. He had been drawn to face Ernests Gulbis in the first round before the 24th-ranked Latvian pulled out on Monday for personal reasons.

"I am relieved despite losing as I gave my best and played pretty well," Muster said. "A third set would have been great but well done to Andreas."

The result means that Jimmy Connors remains the oldest player to win a match on the ATP Tour by reaching the quarterfinals in Halle, Germany, in 1995 at age 42. In front of a capacity crowd of 8,700 at the Stadthalle, Muster dropped serve in the opening game and struggled throughout the first set as he failed to put pressure on his 157th-ranked opponent.

Muster, who won 40 of his 44 career titles on clay, was searching for the right timing of his groundstrokes on the fast indoor hard court.

in the world and was beaten at this month's Kremlin Cup by No. 248 Zarina Diyas. She has struggled for much of the year with injuries — including ankle, back and, more recently, sinus problems.

Zvonareva, meanwhile, has risen to No. 2 in the rankings this year after reaching the finals of Wimbledon and the U.S. Open but even after beating Jankovic, she faces a long road to overhaul Wozniacki. She must win all three matches in the group stage and then make it to the final and hope Wozniacki stumbles in her next two matches.

Zvonareva started slowly but was able to take advantage of several double-faults and unforced errors by her Serbian opponent to lead 4-2 and 5-3 in the first set. The Russian closed out the set when Jankovic double-faulted.

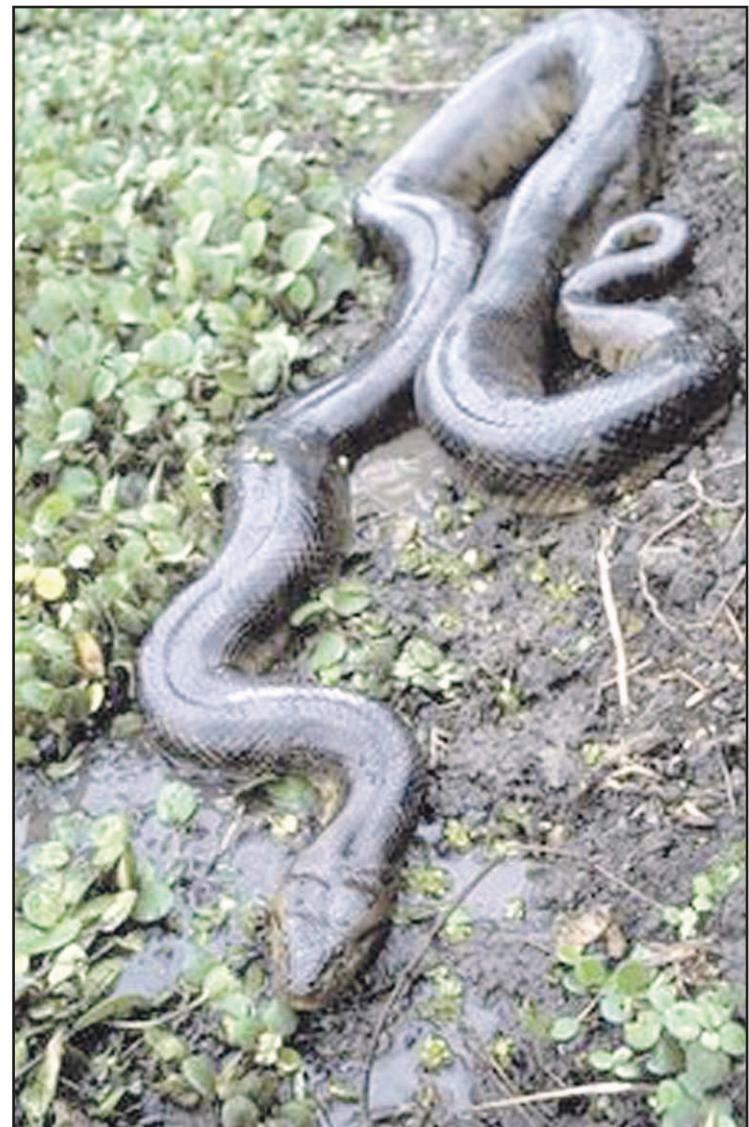
Jankovic looked fatigued after the first set and never recovered. Zvonareva left Jankovic flat-footed with several well-placed forehands on her way to winning six straight games in the second set. Zvonareva said she didn't play her best tennis and made too many unforced errors. But she stepped up her game in the second set and was satisfied to come away with the victory.

"Overall, I played really well. Even if I had unforced errors, I was coming up with great shots afterwards," she said. "It feels amazing to win my first match of the championships." She said the difference in the two sets was that she was "managed to go for my shots and make more shorts without unforced errors."

"In the second set, I found my rhythm and was playing more aggressive and going for my shots and making those," she said. "I will just have to improve my consistency, maybe little bit better serve and return."

In the final match of the night, Samantha Stosur of Australia staged a rousing comeback from 4-0 down in the first set against Francesca Schiavone of Italy to win 6-4, 6-4 in the Maroon Group.

# Spectacular unknown species found in Amazon



by Karl Malakunas  
NAGOYA, Japan (AFP) — Spectacular species previously unknown to the outside world are being discovered in the Amazon rainforest at a rate of one every three days, environment group WWF said in a report published Tuesday.

An anaconda as long as a limousine, a giant catfish that eats monkeys, a blue fanged spider and poisoned dart frogs are among the 1,220 animals and plants to have been found from 1999 to 2009, according to the study.

The report was released on the sidelines of a United Nations summit in Japan that is being held to try to stem the mass extinction of species around the world, and the WWF said it highlighted why protecting the Amazon was so vital.

"This report clearly shows the incredible, amazing diversity of life in the Amazon," Francisco Ruiz, head of WWF's Living

Amazon Initiative, told reporters at the launch.

"(But) this incredible region is under pressure because of the human presence. The landscape is being very quickly transformed." Logging and clearing for agriculture uses such as cattle farming and palm oil plantations have led to 17 percent of the Amazon — an area twice the size of Spain — being destroyed over the past 50 years, according to the WWF.

The WWF compiled the findings reported by scientists over the 10-year period to highlight the extent of biodiversity loss that may be occurring without humans even knowing while the Amazon is being cleared.

"It serves as a reminder of how much we still have to learn about this unique region, and what we could lose if we don't change the way we think about development," Ruiz said.

One of the most amazing discoveries was a four-metre

(13-foot) anaconda in the flood plains of Bolivia's Pando province in 2002. It was the first new anaconda species identified since 1936, and became only the fourth known type of that reptile, according to the WWF.

There were a total of 55 reptile species discovered, with others including two members of Elapidae — the most venomous snake family in the world that includes cobras and taipans.

A kaleidoscope of different coloured frogs were also found, including 24 of the famed poison dart variety and one that was translucent.

Among the 257 types of fish discovered in the rivers and lakes of the Amazon was a "goliath" catfish.

One of them found in Venezuela measured nearly 1.5 metres long and weighed 32 kilogrammes (over 70 pounds).

Although the "goliath" catfish normally exists on a diet of other fish, some of them have been caught with parts of monkeys in their stomachs, according to the WWF.

Another extraordinary species of catfish that was discovered in the Brazilian state of Rondonia was extremely small, blind and red. Villagers found the fish when they accidentally trapped them in buckets after hauling up water from a well.

At least 500 spiders were also discovered, including one that was completely brown except for a pair of almost fluorescent blue



Kris Weinhold



fangs.

Thirty-nine new mammals were also found, including a pink river dolphin, seven types of monkey and two porcupines.

Among the 637 new plant species discovered were sunflowers, ivy,

lilies, a variety of pineapple and a custard apple. The Amazon is home to at least 40,000 plant species, and the WWF described the scale of diversity in some areas as "mind boggling".



## Court rejects Michael Jackson father's appeal

By ANTHONY McCARTNEY,  
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — A California appeals court has rejected a bid by Michael Jackson's father to challenge the administration of his son's lucrative estate.

A three justice panel of the California Second District Court of Appeal issued its ruling Tuesday in Los Angeles.

The justices affirmed a probate judge's ruling that Joe Jackson didn't have standing to intervene in his son's estate.

Despite being excluded from his son's 2002 will, Joe Jackson had been seeking a say in the financial affairs.

The appeals court heard arguments in the case on Oct. 6.

FILE - In this June 14, 2010 file photo Joe Jackson, the father of the late pop star Michael Jackson, arrives to a Los Angeles courthouse for a preliminary hearing setting and motions in the trial of Jackson's personal doctor Conrad Murray.

(AP Photo/Nick Ut, file)

## Willow Smith wanted to be like her famous parents

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY,  
AP Music Writer

NEW YORK — When Willow Smith explains why she entered the music business, she talks about expressing her individuality, and wanting to help people with her message. But she also acknowledges that she wanted to be famous like her "mommy and daddy." She's well on her way now. The 9-year-old daughter of Will and Jada Pinkett Smith has become a viral sensation with her first single, "Whip My Hair." The official version of the video has gotten more than 7 million views on YouTube; there was even a popular video that mashed the song with the Sesame Street "I Love My Hair" video (which she laughed and called "very funny").

Willow's funky song, which makes its debut on iTunes on Tuesday, is even being played in the clubs, and she's due to release her first album on Jay-Z's Roc Nation sometime next year.

In a phone interview Monday, Willow said she was "very surprised" about the success of the song, but said she thought the song's message was resonating with listeners: "I just think that it's like, individuality that they're excited about."

Willow first entered the limelight three years ago, playing the daughter of her father's character in the blockbuster



FILE - In this June 24, 2010 file photo, actress and singer Willow Smith arrives at the premiere of 'The Twilight Saga: Eclipse' in Los Angeles.

(AP Photo/Chris Pizzello, file)

movie "I Am Legend." At that time, it seemed as if she would follow in the acting footsteps of her parents, much like her brother, Jaden, who earlier this year had his own smash movie with the remake of "The Karate Kid."

But Willow was more influenced by her parents' musical careers: Will Smith is a Grammy winner who got his start rapping, and Jada Pinkett Smith has toured the country as part of a metal band.

## Official: Sheen in psych care after hotel call



FILE - In this Feb. 8, 2010 file photo, Charlie Sheen arrives at the Pitkin County Courthouse in Aspen, Colo.

(AP Photo/David Zalubowski, File)

By COLLEEN LONG,  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Charlie Sheen was hospitalized Tuesday for a psychiatric evaluation after a woman told police he was throwing furniture and yelling in his hotel room, a law enforcement official said. His publicist blamed an allergic reaction to medication.

Police were called to The Plaza by hotel security at about 2 a.m. and Sheen appeared highly intoxicated, the official said. The actor was not arrested and went voluntarily. The official was not authorized to speak publicly about the encounter and spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity. Sheen's publicist Stan Rosenfield said the 45-year-old was expected to be released Wednesday.

"Charlie had an adverse allergic reaction to some medication and was taken to the hospital," he said.

Police haven't received any complaints from the hotel about any possible damage. A message left with the historic hotel at the foot of Central Park wasn't returned.

It's not clear who the woman in the hotel room was. Sheen was reportedly in New York on a family vacation with his ex-wife, Denise Richards, and their two children, Sam, 6, and Lola, 5.

Sheen, the star of CBS' "Two and a Half Men," has had problems with alcohol and drugs in the past.

In August, he pleaded guilty in Aspen, Colo., to misdemeanor third-degree assault after a Christmas Day altercation with his wife, Brooke Mueller Sheen. Prosecutors dropped more serious charges and he avoided jail time and he was sentenced to 30 days in a rehabilitation center, 30 days of probation and 36 hours of anger management.

Mueller Sheen, who is the mother of twins with Sheen, told police that the actor threatened to kill her and brandished a knife after she told him she wanted a divorce. Charlie Sheen said they argued but he denied threatening her, and he told police that he was upset by the divorce threat.

He previously went through a bitter divorce and custody battle with Richards. Her publicist said Tuesday she had no comment on Tuesday's hotel encounter.

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## Ford keeps rolling as net income jumps, debt eases

By DEE-ANN DURBIN

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DEARBORN, Mich. — Ford

Motor Co. is on a roll. Its popular new cars and trucks are grabbing a bigger share of the U.S. market. It's about to erase a big portion of its health care debts. And Ford is adding a significant number of jobs for the first time in years.

The news puts Ford, which has now turned profits for a year and a half, even further ahead of its Detroit rivals as the American auto industry slowly turns around.

Ford said Tuesday its third-quarter net income rose 68 percent to \$1.7 billion, or 43 cents per share, partly because buyers paid more for its highly rated cars and trucks.

CEO Alan Mulally said popular new cars, such as the Ford Fiesta subcompact and Ford Edge wagon, and aggressive cost-cutting helped the company make money despite lower global sales. Through September, Ford's

U.S. market share has jumped to 16.7 percent from 15.2 percent in the same period a year earlier, according to AutoData Corp.

The amount customers pay for Ford vehicles has climbed 10 percent in the last five years, to an average of more than \$30,500, according to auto web site Edmunds.com. The company also has reduced the amount of incentives it's offering, which lets it make more profit per vehicle, said Lewis Booth, Ford's chief financial officer.

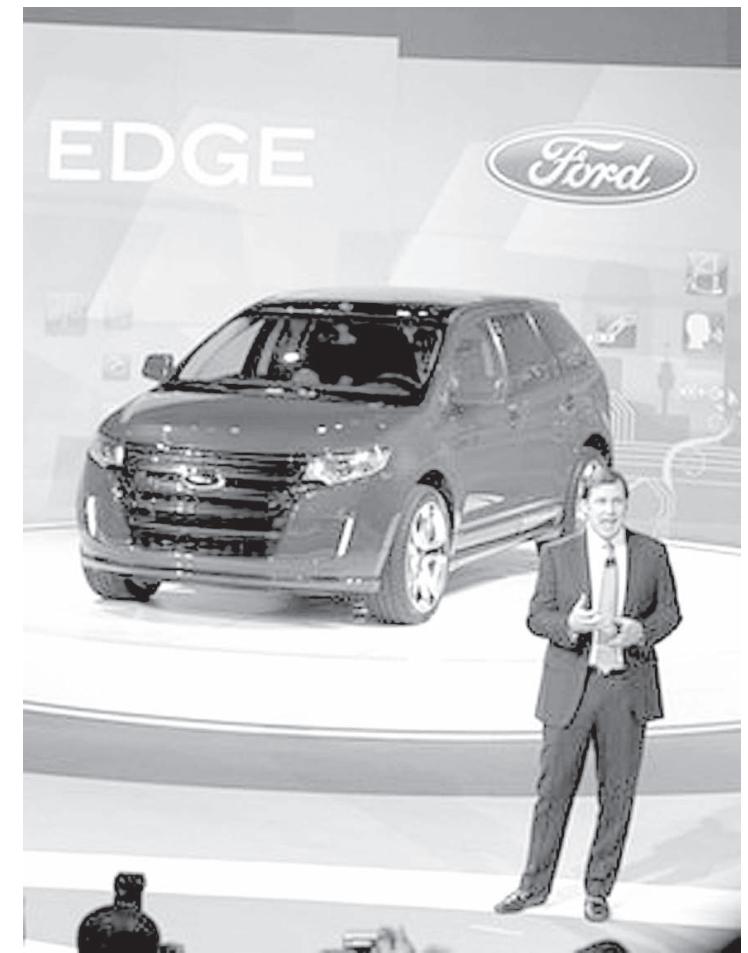
"The strength of the product is propelling our business results," Booth said in a conference call with media and analysts.

Ford has also gotten its financial house in order after mortgaging its factories, blue oval logo and other assets four years ago to fund a huge restructuring. Ford paid off \$2 billion in debt in the third quarter. It also expects to pay off an additional \$3.6 billion for retiree health care later this week. That will put Ford's debt at \$22.8 billion and cash at \$20.3 billion.

The company expects to end the year with as much cash as debt, a year earlier than it had forecast. When Ford pays its debt to the United Auto Workers health care trust, it will no longer owe the trust any money. The UAW agreed to the trust in 2007, and it began paying health care benefits for 195,000 retirees and spouses in January. The automaker was paying a 9 percent annual interest rate on its obligation.

Also Tuesday, the Dearborn, Mich., automaker offered to convert \$3.5 billion in bonds that pay 4.25 percent interest to shares of common stock. The notes, held mainly by hedge funds and other institutional investors, were due in 2016 and 2036. The offer closes Nov. 23.

Even without that offering, Ford expects to reduce the annual interest expenses on its debt by \$800 million by the end of this year. Put in context, Ford recently announced an \$850 million plan to revamp factories and hire 1,200 workers in Michigan by



FILE - In this Feb. 11, 2010 file photo, Jim Farley, Group Vice President of Global Marketing and Canada, Mexico and South America shows off the new Ford Edge at the 2010 Chicago Auto Show, in Chicago. Ford Motor Co.'s third-quarter net income rose 68 percent Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010, as it grabbed a bigger share of the U.S. auto market and buyers paid more for its highly-rated cars and trucks.

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Ford shares gained 25 cents to \$14.40 in midday trading. They have ranged between \$6.81 and \$14.57 in the past year. Ford shares fell as low as \$1.43 in November 2008, when Ford as well as General Motors and Chrysler were threatened with bankruptcy.

Despite the repayments, the company must continue paying down debt as it generates operating cash, Booth said. GM and Chrysler were able to shed billions of dollars in debt in bankruptcy protection, but Ford didn't seek bankruptcy protection or government aid.

"We've some way to go before we're comfortable with the debt levels we've got," Booth said.

Despite the strong performance, Ford still faces challenges.

A Credit Suisse analyst wrote last month that the automaker's

global pension funds were \$12 billion underfunded at the end of last year, and that could worsen to \$17.5 billion by the end of this year.

Analyst Chris Ceraso said that if tax discount rates expire and asset returns don't improve, Ford could be facing a \$900 million increase in pension expenses in 2011, shaving 15 to 20 cents off the automaker's earnings per share.

Ford has said it will make around \$1.5 billion in pension payments this year and next, and it doesn't expect the payments to significantly affect earnings. Booth wouldn't discuss further actions to fund its pensions Tuesday.

Booth also said costs for raw materials such as steel have risen \$1 billion this year over last, about what the company expected.

## Stocks waver on mixed earnings, rising dollar

By STEPHEN BERNARD,  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Stocks were narrowly mixed in afternoon trading Tuesday after a rise in consumer confidence offset disappointing news on home prices and earnings.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell about 20 points. Stocks started the day lower after weak results from Texas Instruments Inc., U.S. Steel Corp. and Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. Shares of Dow component DuPont fell after the chemical maker's earnings fell. A better report about consumer confidence in October helped stocks pare their losses in afternoon trading.

"The consumer confidence numbers were encouraging," said Bernie McSherry, vice president of strategic initiatives at Cuttane and Co. It's a sign shoppers "may be reaching into their wallets heading into the holiday shopping season."

Ford Motor Co. and Coach Inc. were among the few bright spots in the big batch of earnings reports released Tuesday.

Drugmaker Bristol-Myers Squibb reported a better-than-expected profit, but revenue fell short of forecasts. Sales were hurt by the health care overhaul bill passed earlier this year.

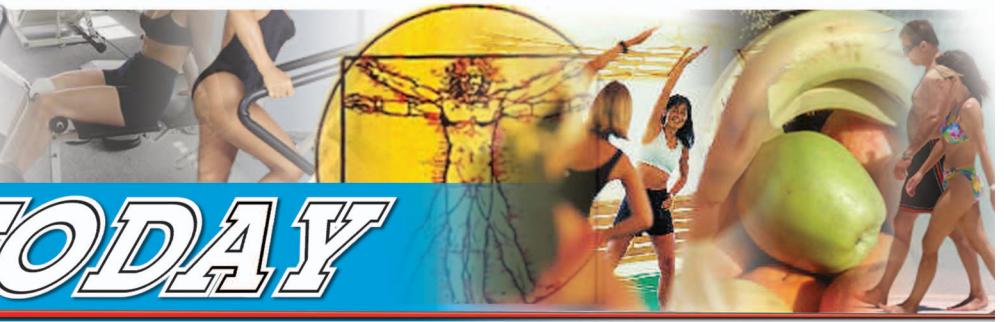
U.S. Steel surprised analysts by reporting a quarterly loss, while chipmaker Texas Instruments

said it expects sales to moderate during the fourth quarter because of low consumer demand. Traders were also moving out of riskier assets as the dollar strengthened.

A stronger dollar makes stocks and commodities more expensive because they are priced in dollars. The dollar rose against Japan's yen and the euro Tuesday. Home prices slid in August, renewing concerns about the health of the housing market. The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller home price index fell 0.2 percent in August. Fifteen of the 20 cities measured in the index saw price declines. The housing market remains very weak and any last lift sales and prices got from a now-expired tax credit appear to be gone. The Dow fell 21.69, or 0.2 percent, to 11,142.44.

The Dow had been hovering near its highest trading levels of the year over the past few days, but has been unable to maintain upward momentum. Twice in the past three days the Dow has briefly traded above its highest closing level of the year, only to pull back before the end of the day.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 2.55, or 0.2 percent, to 1,183.07, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 4.24, or 0.2 percent, to 2,495.09.

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# Sexy Halloween “Deep down we all want to be desired”

By: Dr. Carlos Viana

As a Medical Anthropologist I am fascinated when I see a culture change or adopt a holiday. Here in Aruba as in most of Latin America, November 1st is All Saint's Day when we visit the graves of departed family members. We clean the tombs, decorate the graves with flowers, pray and remember our departed loved ones.

The Mexican and Filipino celebration of the memory of their deceased ancestors called El Día de los Muertos, or The Day of the Dead also occurs on November 1 and November 2, and is coinciding with the similar Roman Catholic celebrations of All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Yet, we need to realize that “A rose by any other name is still a rose”. All of these celebrations are reflections of rituals celebrating the lives of our ancestors. Our Mesoamerican ancestors have performed these rituals for at least 3,000 years; where it was common practice to enact rituals to symbolize death and rebirth.

We appreciate that some of us do not need much rationale to party, but the adoption of Halloween on the eve of All Saint's Day has many social critics denouncing the adoption as Americanization influences. Perhaps, but cultures do not adopt anything unless an emotional need is being satisfied.

Halloween observed on October 31, the eve of All Saints' Day is based on a medieval European concept of death, and is populated by demons, usually female witches and other images of terror. Our Indo-Hispanic custom of All Saint's Day or The Day of the Dead, in contrast, is distinctly different. Our celebration demonstrates strong sense of love and respect for one's ancestors; celebrates the continuance of life, family relationships, community solidarity; positive concepts! Then why has our culture so quickly embraced the ancient British and Irish Celtic festival of Samhain eve an occasion for one of the ancient fire festivals when huge bonfires were set on hilltops to frighten away evil spirits?

Professionally, in our clinic I witness endless medical complaints rooted in emotional problems. The psychologist, Carl Jung stated that

you have two overriding tasks in your life; in the first half of your life you need to become comfortable with your sexuality and in the second half of your life you need to accept your mortality. All human activity is explained as work being done in one of these categories. I explain the rapid adoption of Halloween by Latin Americans as an opportunity to symbolically overlay our dominant emotions, sex and death.

Besides the adoption, we are also experiencing that increasingly Halloween is a holiday for adults. Adults now represent up to sixty five percent of Halloween costume sales, a noticeable shift compared with years past. Also, we are observing that the costumes selling the quickest are those that are sexy adult Halloween costumes and games.

Most adults love Halloween because it is a great excuse to let your imagination go wild. Deep down we all want to be desired, to be seen as sexy and attractive. All that dressing up, play-acting behind the costume mask is liberating for many. The mystery of the mask allows people to do things they normally wouldn't do, without having to worry about the consequences such as gossip, rejection or a tarnished reputation. If no one knows who the person behind the mask is, why would they care about what people think of their actions?

Unfortunately, one holiday a year does not provide all the opportunity to learn and for our soul to grow. The path to true health is a journey to understanding who we are. In balance or health the opposites live together in us in harmony. Our existence on earth is experienced as yin and yang, up and down, light and darkness, love and power, good and evil, masculine and feminine, and so on.

In our souls exists all that we human beings have experienced over and over again since the very beginning of human existence on Earth, and this wisdom becomes visible through several expressions including dreams, art, myths and in many cases a physical illness. When people are ill, there is for them an opportunity to find out what is going on deep in their souls because, frequently, a physical illness is an expression of a wound in the soul.

All feelings, sensation, including pain and



medical symptoms are expressions of energy. Energy in your body is either free flowing and balanced or blocked and painful. One of the most powerful tools of the Healing Spirit is acupuncture that uses mainly fine needles, to stimulate points on the body to relieve pain and associated emotional block. There is considerable medical evidence that acupuncture is effective against nausea, pain, psychological, respiratory and digestive problems.

Get The Point! I heard that in New York City the Museum of Sex is hosting a masquerade party that includes an exclusive after-hours tour of the museum. Partygoers will also enjoy an open bar, dancing, live entertainment and a deluxe gift bag. Masquerade guests are encouraged to dress up in sexy costume and masks will be available at the door for anyone in need. You might think it's a time where people put on masks and dance the night away. You're right, but there is much more to Halloween than meets the eye. Are you looking for a more lasting way to help your soul grow away from pain? Call to make an appointment..

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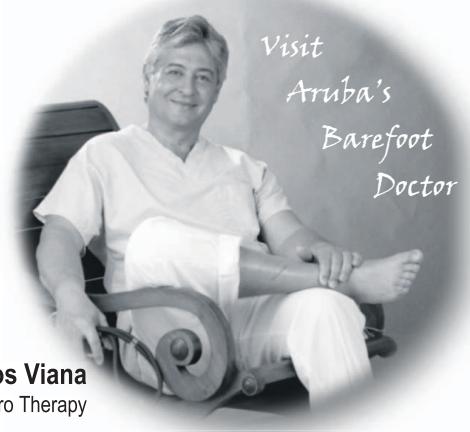
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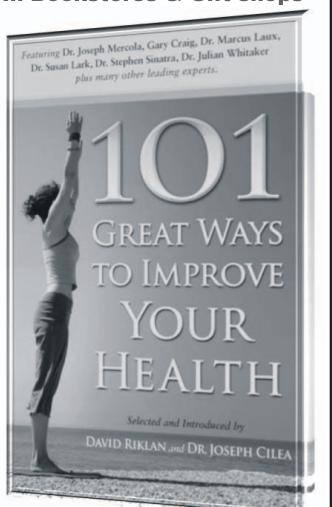


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# Animal lovers mourn giant stag killed in Britain

By JILL LAWLESS,  
Associated Press

LONDON — It's a photo of animal majesty that has turned into a murder mystery: Who shot the Emperor?

Nature lovers on Tuesday were mourning a red stag dubbed the Emperor of Exmoor — a 9-foot (2.75-meter) giant reported to be the biggest wild animal in the British Isles. He was found dead days after his picture appeared in the national press.

The Emperor's size set him apart from the herd, but may also have made him prize prey for hunters willing to pay handsomely for such a majestic trophy.

"With a set of antlers such as this deer had, it was basically going to kill him in the end," said Richard Austin, the photographer whose images appeared in newspapers — inevitably accompanied by the word "majestic."

"He was his own worst enemy, I suppose," Austin told the BBC. "Growing that big and that huge and that magnificent, he was a definite target."

For the 12 years of his life, the Emperor roamed Exmoor in southwest England, a wild swath of heath and woodland that has drawn hunters for 1,000 years. At 300 pounds (135 kilograms), he towered over the other stags around him, and during the autumn mating season he easily kept smaller animals at bay as he attracted a harem of female deer. Austin photographed the stag during last year's mating season and again this year, publishing photos that expanded the animal's renown. The photos, first published Oct. 5, showed the Emperor standing regally in a field, his dramatic antlers held high, and roaring as two female deer looked on.

Mystery surrounds the stag's demise. Douglas Batchelor, head of the anti-hunting group League Against Cruel Sports, said he was shot two weeks ago near a place called Rackenford Moor. Local and national media including the BBC gave a similar location, close to a main road between the towns of Barnstaple and Tiverton.

The Emperor's body is long gone — his head possibly to a taxidermist, the rest probably to a butcher.

In most cases the hunter — for a fee — takes the antlers or entire head as a trophy. The landowner keeps the carcass, which often ends up being sold for meat. Exmoor's stags are also stalked by poachers, who sell their meat

for cash.

Austin said he deliberately did not reveal the Emperor's exact location, but some wondered whether the attention his images drew to the animal may have helped bring about its death. "Without a doubt the publicity of this photo led to its death," said Manni Walton, European sales director of the Corbis photo agency.

Patrick Llewellyn, assistant picture editor at The Sunday Times Magazine, said it was possible publicity made the Emperor a target. "But anyone who is interested in choosing a trophy stag probably would've known of its existence before the exposure of the photograph anyway, so it is very hard to tell."

Local people were speculating furiously Tuesday about the identity and nationality of the hunter: Was it an American, a European, or a wealthy Briton who saw the picture and decided he wanted those magnificent antlers on his wall?

"Whoever has got the trophy is going to keep pretty quiet about it, because it has stirred the most awful furor," said Peter Donnelly, a deer management expert in the Exmoor area.

For centuries, deer hunting was the sport of English kings. Henry VIII hunted near his palaces at Greenwich and Richmond — now London parks, still full of deer. Queen Elizabeth II's



A British newspaper, which publishes a photo of the stag 'the Emperor of Exmoor', is seen left on a table at a cafe in London, Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010. Nature lovers are mourning the death of a red stag dubbed the Emperor of Exmoor — a nine-foot (2.75 meter) giant reported to be the biggest wild animal in the British Isles. He was found dead soon after his picture appeared in the national press.

(AP Photo/Akira Suemori)

husband Prince Philip and other members of the royal family hunt stags on their Balmoral estate in Scotland.

The pursuit is at its strongest in Scotland and southwest England, whose large herds draw affluent hunters from around the world. A former royal hunting ground, Exmoor is popular with local hunters and wealthy outsiders, who jet in to stalk red deer — Britain's largest land animal. The Emperor was a big representative of his species, though not the

largest ever recorded. Red deer can be bigger — anywhere between 130 pounds (60 kilograms) and 420 pounds (190 kilograms), according to the British Deer Society.

Hunters pay landowners for the right to hunt on their land and take away sets of antlers as trophies — or, for a higher fee, the whole head. If the hunter has a license and it's done during the hunting season, as in this case, it's perfectly legal.

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# Microsoft profit seen higher, iPad looms

By Bill Rigby

SEATTLE (Reuters) — Microsoft Corp is expected to report a big jump in earnings on Thursday, helped by the newest versions of its lucrative Office software and the blockbuster Halo game; but short- and long-term issues with its core Windows franchise nag at investors.

The world's largest software company has sold a record-breaking 240 million Windows 7 operating system licenses in the year since launch. But lower-than-expected personal computer sales are restricting growth, and some worry that its flagship product is under threat from Apple Inc's iPad and a longer-term shift to mobile computing.

"The supply-chain vendors and the hardware side are seeing continued weakness in the PC business," said Sid Parakh, an analyst at brokerage firm McAdams Wright Ragen. "What everyone is still not clear about is how much of it is driven by real consumer softness and how much of it is driven by the iPad."

PC shipments -- which generally

dictate sales of Windows and the health of the overall tech sector -- rose only 11 percent to 89.7 million units in the July-September period, according to industry tracker IDC, below its forecast of 13.5 percent. For the current quarter, IDC expects only 7.4 percent growth.

Business spending is still relatively strong, research firms say, but consumers are holding off on PC purchases, or may be buying iPads instead, although it is too early to tell if Apple's new device is really eating away at the low end of the PC market. Whether the threat is real or not, Microsoft has been roundly criticized for being slow to react, as Apple's iPad heads toward 8 million sales since its launch in April.

Only one Windows-powered tablet, made by Hewlett-Packard Co, has been launched since then, and the best iPad competitors are expected on the market only next year.

Several analysts have downgraded Microsoft recently, most notably from Goldman Sachs in October, citing a lack of focus on the burgeoning

consumer electronics sector. Microsoft shares are down 16 percent this year, compared to a 10 percent rise in the Nasdaq composite index. The stock is trading around 2002 levels, at a historically low price-to-earnings ratio.

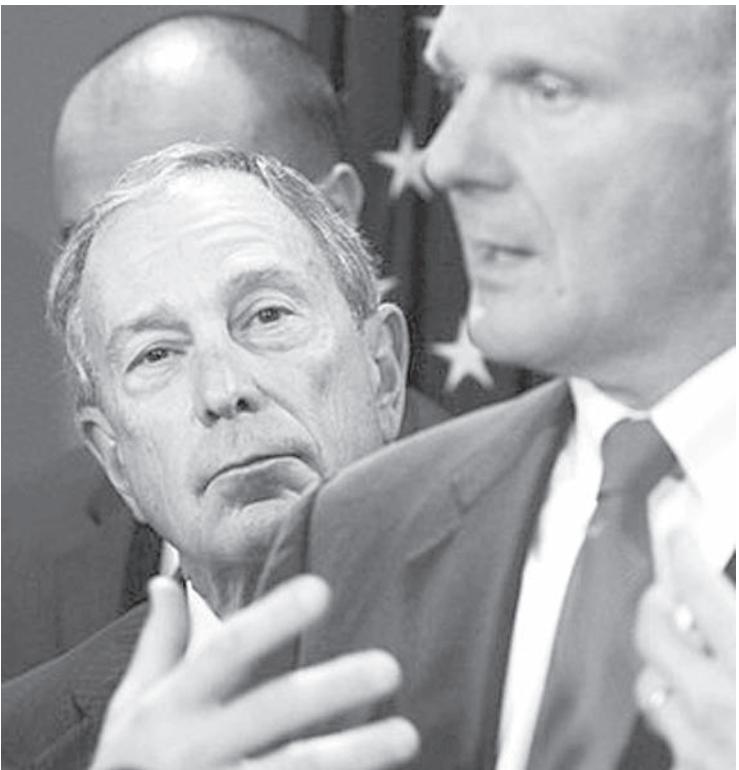
## UP FROM LAST YEAR

On the upside, Microsoft is expected to report a sharply higher profit this quarter than a year ago, when the world was just emerging from the grip of a severe downturn.

The bottom line is likely to show a boost from the new Office 2010, the popular suite of word processing, e-mail and presentation programs, which was launched in May, and the new Halo: Reach video game, which racked up more than \$200 million in sales on its first day alone in September.

Wall Street is expecting earnings of 55 cents per share, up from 40 cents a year ago, according to Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S data. Analysts expect sales of \$15.8 billion, up 22 pct from \$12.92 billion a year ago. For the current quarter, there is some optimism that its new phone software, which will run handsets hitting U.S. stores next month, will claw the company back into the mobile market, while its new motion-sensing Kinect device, to be launched next week, will boost Xbox sales.

However, the sluggishness to match rivals such as Apple and to some extent Google Inc in the mobile computing arena is a recurring problem for Microsoft.



New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, left, listens as Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer speaks during a City Hall news conference to announce a partnership to consolidate dozens of agency license agreements into one and provide new technology resources to city employees on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2010, in New York.

(AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

This issue, commonly raised by company outsiders, was pointed out this week by an insider, Microsoft's chief software architect, in a blog post.

"Their (competitors') execution has surpassed our own in mobile experiences, in the seamless fusion of hardware and software and services," wrote Ray Ozzie, a visionary who is set to retire from Microsoft in several months.

In what amounts to a farewell memo, Ozzie points to a "post-PC" world, where portable devices are connected to the Internet at all times, continuously feeding

data back and forth.

"Today's PCs, phones and pads are just the very beginning," wrote Ozzie.

"We'll see decades to come of incredible innovation from which will emerge all sorts of 'connected companions' that we'll wear, we'll carry, we'll use on our desks and walls and the environment all around us."

Implicit in Ozzie's forecast of the future is a gradual lessening in importance of the Windows operating system, which remains Microsoft's financial core.

"I don't think he's saying we're going to be an operating system-less world," said Parakh at McAdams Wright Ragen. "But the importance will be much lower than it is

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# ONU vota contra embargo EEUU a Cuba

NACIONES UNIDAS (Reuters) - La Asamblea General de Naciones Unidas votó abrumadoramente el martes por levantar el embargo económico de Estados Unidos contra Cuba, la mayor traba en las relaciones entre ambos enemigos de la Guerra Fría. Fue el decimonoveno año consecutivo en que la Asamblea General condenó las sanciones con que Washington lleva medio siglo tratando de forzar un cambio de sistema en Cuba.

La resolución no vinculante fue aprobada por 187 votos a favor. Estados Unidos e Israel votaron en contra y hubo tres abstenciones. "La política de Estados Unidos contra Cuba no tiene sustento ético o legal alguno, credibilidad ni apoyo", dijo el canciller cubano Bruno Rodríguez al presentar la moción ante la Asamblea en Nueva York.

"Se trata de una política de agresión, cruel y absolutamente contraria al derecho internacional que este Gobierno (de Estados Unidos) persiste en mantener a sabiendas de que causa daños, provoca sufrimientos y viola los derechos humanos de todo un pueblo", añadió.

En el 2009 una resolución idéntica había logrado también 187 votos a favor, con

tres en contra. Un representante de Estados Unidos explicó que una "nueva era" en las relaciones con Cuba no sería posible hasta que los cubanos gocen de libertades políticas y económicas. "Estados Unidos cree que es hora de que este organismo concentre sus energías en respaldar al pueblo cubano en la búsqueda de decidir libremente su futuro y supere la postura retórica que representa esta resolución", dijo el asesor del Departamento de Estado estadounidense, Ronald D. Godard, a la Asamblea.

El Gobierno del presidente estadounidense, Barack Obama, ha dado tímidos pasos para suavizar las relaciones con Cuba, pero sin tocar el embargo comercial al que la isla culpa de muchos de sus problemas económicos. Obama dijo que no avanzará más hasta que Cuba no muestre progresos en materia de derechos humanos y apertura económica. Cuba está inmersa en un proceso de transformación económica que incluye triplicar el pequeño sector privado. Además ha liberado en los últimos meses a decenas de presos políticos tras negociaciones con la Iglesia Católica.



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